

Ohio previously had a 15-year statute on written contracts until 2012. He pointed to similar steps taken by Kentucky and other states, saying they risk putting Ohio at a competitive disadvantage.

"A significant, tangible cost savings will result for business by removing the necessity to retain eight years of documents," Rep. Lang said. "More and more, document retention is becoming a cost driver for business. Limiting the need to only three years, will remove a key burden on businesses."

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Bone appetit: Dogs could soon be welcome at bar and restaurant patios (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)

Ohio lawmakers OK \$114.5 million for new voting machines (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)

Ohio legislature passes blockchain legislation (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)

**Ohio Senate Democrats push for payday lending vote; Republicans scramble to shut it down (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)**

**Schools that took in ECOT-kids win 'safe harbor' from penalties for bad grades (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)**

**Sherrod Brown nabs endorsement from Ohio doctors group (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)**

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**Ohio congressman: Delay replacing Justice Kennedy till after fall election (Dayton Daily News, 6/28/2018)**

**Ohio House votes to prohibit forcing churches to perform gay weddings (Dayton Daily News, 6/28/2018)**

**Ohio lawmakers vote to ban sexting by anyone under 19, set up diversion program (Dayton Daily News, 6/28/2018)**

**Ohio lawmakers vote to end fees charged for credit freezes (Dayton Daily News, 6/28/2018)**

**Ohio lawmakers vote to raise marriage age after Dayton Daily News investigation (Dayton Daily News, 6/28/2018)**

**High court strikes down fair-share fees for public workers (Toledo Blade, 6/28/2018)**

**Last minute bills move in Ohio House, Senate (Toledo Blade, 6/28/2018)**

**State lawmakers approve Lake Erie funding bill (Toledo Blade, 6/28/2018)**

**Toledo abortion clinic argues state fines unwarranted (Toledo Blade, 6/28/2018)**

## **EDITORIALS**

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**Sarah LaTourette a rising star in Ohio House: Brent Larkin (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)**

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## HOUSE E-CLIPS

6/28/2018



### **OHIO LAWMAKERS LOOK TO PROVIDE ONLINE ACADEMY 'SAFE HARBOR'**

Ohio's Republican-led Legislature is preparing to temporarily relax academic performance standards on a virtual school that took in thousands of students from a now-shuttered competitor.

### **FIRM HIRED TO INVESTIGATE LAWMAKER ALSO DONATED TO HIM**

A law firm that cleared one of Ohio's most powerful state lawmakers of a sexual harassment allegation in April contributed to the politician's campaign while the probe was going on, state campaign finance filings show.



### **DRUG MIDDLEMEN CHARGING OHIOANS TRIPLE THE GOING RATE — OR MORE**

Pharmacy middlemen are charging Ohio taxpayers three to six times as much to process prescription drugs for the poor and disabled as the industry standard.

### **OHIO LEGISLATURE SENDS PACKAGE OF E-SCHOOL BILLS TO KASICH**

With ECOT closed and other Ohio e-schools still struggling to verify the enrollment numbers used to pay them, state legislators sent a package of proposals to Gov. John Kasich aimed at clarifying the basis for paying the schools.

### **PASTOR PROTECTION ACT PASSES OVER DISCRIMINATION CONCERNS**

A Pastor Protection Act that supporters say upholds religious freedom but critics call unnecessary and discriminatory against gay couples was approved by the Ohio House on Wednesday.

### **LAW FIRM THAT CLEARED LEGISLATOR ALSO GAVE HIM CASH**

The Ohio House of Representatives regularly has turned to the law firm of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister when in need of an outside investigator.

### **SEXTING BILL LOOKS TO GIVE TEENS A BREAK FOR BAD CHOICE**



Not wanting to hammer all teens with harsh penalties when they are caught sending nude photographs, the Ohio House voted unanimously on Wednesday to support a lesser penalty for young first-time offenders.

**Dayton Daily News**  
www.daytondailynews.com

### **OHIO HOUSE VOTES TO REQUIRE DRIVERS TO MOVE OVER FOR TRASH TRUCKS**

A measure to require drivers to "move over" when passing trash trucks with flashing lights was approved by the Ohio House on Wednesday on a 84-0 vote.

### **OHIO LAWMAKERS VOTE TO RAISE MARRIAGE AGE AFTER DAYTON DAILY**

#### **NEWS INVESTIGATION**

Following a Dayton Daily News investigation into thousands of minors getting married in Ohio, lawmakers on Wednesday voted to raise the marriage age to 18 and allow 17-year-olds to marry under some conditions.

### **OHIO TEACHERS MAY FACE MORE TRAINING ON YOUTH SUICIDE RISKS**

Teachers and other public school workers would be required to be trained on the signs that a youth may be at risk of suicide, under a bill that passed the Ohio House on Wednesday by a 82-0 vote.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

### **OHIO SENATE DEMOCRATS PUSH FOR PAYDAY LENDING VOTE; REPUBLICANS**

#### **SCRAMBLE TO SHUT IT DOWN**

Democrats on a committee vetting a proposal to restrict payday loans tried to advance the measure to the full Senate on Wednesday, but the Republican majority successfully defeated the effort.

### **OHIO LAWMAKERS OK \$114.5 MILLION FOR NEW VOTING MACHINES**

Help is on the way to replace Ohio's aging voting machines.

### **SCHOOLS THAT TOOK IN ECOT KIDS WIN 'SAFE HARBOR' FROM PENALTIES FOR**

#### **BAD GRADES**

ECOT students were so far behind other students that schools taking them in deserve a "safe harbor" from damage to their grades, the Ohio legislature decided Wednesday.

### **OHIO LEGISLATURE PASSES BLOCKCHAIN LEGISLATION**

Ohio is close to becoming the latest state to offer legal support for blockchain-based business transactions, following a Wednesday vote by the state's General Assembly.

### **OHIO LAWMAKERS PASS WAVE OF BILLS HEADING INTO SUMMER BREAK:**

#### **CAPITOL LETTER**

Wrapping up: On their final session day before the Ohio General Assembly heads into summer break, both chambers passed dozens of bills during marathon sessions that lasted well into Wednesday evening.

### **SARAH LATOURETTE A RISING STAR IN OHIO HOUSE: BRENT LARKIN**

Sarah LaTourette was afraid to tell her father:

## **THE ENQUIRER**

### **GRAB A BEER WITH MAN'S BEST FRIEND: OHIO EXPECTED TO ALLOW DOGS ON PATIOS**

In the middle of the dog days of summer or after a "ruff" time at work, you'll soon be able to sip a Bud – or maybe some hair of the dog – with man's best friend, thanks to a bill passed by Ohio lawmakers to allow dogs on outdoor patios.

### **THIS U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION MIGHT HAVE FORCED OHIO INTO 'RIGHT-TO-WORK'**

Remember that bitter fight against Ohio's Senate Bill 5? A U.S. Supreme Court decision just upended part of it.

### **PAYDAY LENDING: NO VOTE ON CONTROVERSIAL BILL FOR NOW**

Ohio lawmakers won't place any more restrictions on the payday lending industry for now – slowing down a bill that sped through one chamber following an FBI probe into its leader's travel with lobbyists.

## **THE BLADE**

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### **STATE LAWMAKERS APPROVE LAKE ERIE FUNDING BILL**

As the annual peak season for toxic algal blooms on Lake Erie approaches, lawmakers on Wednesday finalized a bipartisan measure putting \$36 million more in state funds behind efforts to tackle the issue even as critics argue that just throwing more money at the problem isn't the answer.

### **LAST MINUTE BILLS MOVE IN OHIO HOUSE, SENATE**

In their rush for the door for the summer, the Ohio House and Senate on Wednesday voted on more than 50 bills, with some headed for the governor's signature.

### **BILL PROTECTING E-SCHOOL HEADS TO GOVERNOR**

A bill shielding what is now Ohio's largest online school and its sponsor from the negative consequences of accepting thousands of former Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow students is headed to Gov. John Kasich for his signature.

### **EDITORIAL: PAYDAY LENDING FIASCO**

Clamping down on predatory lenders, who charge Ohioans the highest interest rates in the nation, should not require a constitutional amendment, but apparently it's going to.

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## TOP NEWS June 28, 2018

### States cracking down on streaming video while driving

*USA TODAY*

Georgia isn't the only state to single out streaming as a new danger. A Washington state law, the Driving Under the Influence of Electronics Act, in January was the first to specifically mention video on phones. It even makes it illegal for Washington drivers to sneak a peek at their smartphone when stopped in traffic or at a stoplight, though they can touch a mounted or in-dash screen. **NCSL's Annie Kitch quoted.**

[NCSL resources on distracted driving.](#)

### 'Now comes the interesting part' with online sales tax collections

*Route Fifty*

The court ruling in *South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc.* has also left complicated questions in its wake. Like what the specifics of new state policies could look like, whether Congress will take action, and how companies that sell goods online will react. **NCSL's Max Behlke quoted.**

### Maine legislature passes sweeping medical



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### **marijuana reform bill**

*Portland Press Herald*

The bill, which now goes to Gov. Paul LePage, would let caregivers expand their business operations. For example, they could hire more than one worker, and sell up to 30 percent of their harvest to other caregivers and dispensaries. [NCSL resources on medial marijuana.](#)

### **Ohio legislature passes blockchain legislation**

*Cleveland.com*

Ohio is close to becoming the latest state to offer legal support for blockchain-based business transactions, following a Wednesday vote by the state's General Assembly.

[NCSL LegisBrief on blockchain technology.](#)

### **South Carolina lawmakers OK rate cuts for failed nuclear plants**

*Associated Press*

South Carolina lawmakers have approved a temporary rate cut of nearly 15 percent for customers of a private utility who paid billions for two nuclear reactors that never produced power.

### **Commercial spaceports still waiting for liftoff**

*Stateline*

Communities are eager to tap into the growing commercial space industry.

### **Webinar 3 p.m. ET TODAY**

### **Federal infrastructure funding - an update while we wait**

One of the most talked-about possibilities for federal action in 2018 is a new infrastructure bill that aims to inject what nearly all experts agree is a significant boost of funds for many of our national infrastructure systems.



### **2017 state tax actions**

### **Hear from thought leaders at NCSL's Legislative Summit July 30-Aug. 2**

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### **Supreme Court deals blow to unions in Janus case**

The U.S. Supreme Court held 5-4 in *Janus v. AFSCME* that state statutes allowing public sector employers and unions to agree that employees who don't join the union must still pay their

"fair share" of collective bargaining  
costs violate the First Amendment.



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## Health and Human Services

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#### News From Congress

**6/20/18**—The Senate voted down HR 3, a \$15 billion rescission package. The measure was an attempt by the Trump administration to rescind nearly \$15 billion in previously approved funds that have gone unspent. One of the main concerns with the package was a proposed \$7 billion dollar reduction to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). While the Congressional Budget Office concluded that the cuts would not impact the CHIP program, concerns remained with members.

**6/25/18**—Congress began work on the FY 2019 spending bill for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The Senate Appropriations panel will mark up their \$179.3 billion version this week, including some controversial spending reductions. The House has put off review of its version until July, and will have to resolve significant differences in spending between Republican and Democratic proposals.

**6/26/18**—The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee is expected to advance several maternal health bills to boost research and education on premature births and establish grants to improve health care quality and outcomes for mothers during and after pregnancy.

#### From the Administration

**6/4/18**—The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a national Medicaid and CHIP scorecard to "increase public transparency and accountability about the programs' administration and outcomes." CMS used performance measures provided by states on a voluntary basis as well as federally reported measures in three areas: state health system performance; state administrative accountability; and, federal administrative accountability.

**6/20/18**—The U.S. Department of Labor released a rule that eases restrictions on association health plans (AHP) to allow more businesses, including those across state lines, to combine and provide health coverage in bulk for their workers. The rule also moves small-business coverage into the large-group market and exempts these types of plans from the Affordable Care Act 10 essential health benefits. These exemptions and questions over how many young, healthy consumers would enroll in AHPs have been among the concerns expressed by some health insurance and trade associations. States will still have ultimate oversight of these types of plans.

**6/21/18**—The administration proposed a major reorganization of several federal agencies, including merging the Education and Labor departments, and moving welfare and food aid programs into a renamed Department of Health and Public Welfare. The proposal would require congressional approval.

**6/26/18**—HHS announced their first request for comment for the Family First Prevention Services Act. The solicitation seeks comment on defining and listing services that will qualify under the new law. The department must issue the criteria they will use to categorize services and programs under a three-tiered evidence-based system by Oct. 1. Comments are due July 22.

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## From the States

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**6/26/18**—Michigan joins a handful of states that have applied for a Medicaid waiver that includes work requirements for certain recipients. After undergoing several changes, the final version requires an average of 20 hours of work per week or 80 hours per month and those with incomes from 100 to 133 percent of the federal poverty level, who are on Medicaid for more than 48 months, to do a health risk assessment and pay a premium of 5 percent of their income.

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## From the Courts

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**6/15/18**—A case was brought against the state of Kentucky on a recently approved Medicaid waiver that includes work requirements and premium sharing. The plaintiffs, represented by the

National Health Law Program, are arguing that Kentucky's waiver does not align with the purpose of Medicaid. Kentucky Governor Matt Belvin has stated that if the final decision dismisses the waiver he will rescind Medicaid expansion in the state.

**6/26/18** - The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) ruled in a 5-4 decision to reverse and remand a Ninth Circuit Court decision requiring crisis pregnancy centers in California to fully disclose what their facilities do. In 2015 California required these types of centers provide women with the full spectrum of reproductive choices when becoming pregnant including abortion referrals. The law also required that any pregnancy crisis center disclose to their clients if they did not have medically certified staff at their facility. SCOTUS held that the California law violates the centers' First Amendment rights.

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## Funding Announcements

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The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) has announced \$930 million for State Opioid Response Grants focusing on medication assisted treatment, prevention and recovery, and includes a 15 percent set-aside for the 10 states with the highest mortality rate related to drug overdose deaths.

SAMHSA also has several funding opportunities for the states including: targeted capacity expansion: medication assisted treatment and certified community behavioral health clinic expansion grants. Grant applications are due July 9.

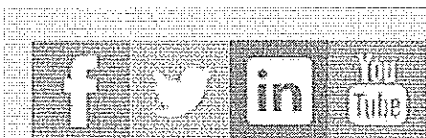
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## TOP NEWS June 29, 2018

### Senate passes sweeping farm bill, setting up fight with House

*The Washington Post*

The Senate passed its version of the \$428 billion farm bill Thursday, setting up a bitter fight against the House over food stamps, farm subsidies and conservation funding.

### Will weaker unions mean more money for states?

*Governing*

The Supreme Court dealt a blow to public-sector unions this week. Whether it'll save governments labor costs is debatable.

### Massachusetts governor signs 'grand bargain' raising minimum wage

*Associated Press*

Gov. Charlie Baker signed a bill Thursday to increase the minimum wage, require paid leave for workers and mandate an annual August sales tax holiday in Massachusetts.

[NCSL resources on minimum wage.](#)



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## **Rhode Island lawmakers hatch plan to give chickens more room**

*Associated Press*

A Rhode Island bill about chickens that has ruffled lawmakers' feathers in recent years is headed to the governor.

## **North Carolina hog farms win new protections with veto override**

*Raleigh News&Observer*

The state legislature gave final approval on Wednesday to a bill that restricts nuisance lawsuits against farms and other livestock and forestry operations. The state House voted 74 to 45 in the morning to override a veto that Gov. Roy Cooper issued on Monday. The Senate voted on Tuesday to reverse the governor's action.

## **She sells soda by the seashore, but maybe not with a plastic straw**

*Stateline*

Restaurants, businesses, disabled people push back against plastic-straw bans.

## **2017 State tax actions**

State tax changes in 2017 were varied. Rather than continuing the trend of net reductions in personal and corporate income taxes, there was a significant net increase in personal income taxes.



## **National popular vote**

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**Podcast: Reversing**  
**'summer slide' key to**  
**closing achievement gaps**

During a recent episode of NCSL's "Our American States" podcast, Matthew Boulay, founder and CEO of the National Summer Learning Association, stated that the culprit of achievement gaps is "very simply, due to the fact that students often fall behind in the summer months."



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Home inspection remains one of the last unregulated acts in the home buying process. The inspection report often serves as the final say in what is undoubtedly the largest financial investment a consumer will make in their lifetime. House Bill 211 simply establishes basic, common-sense standards for education and licensing of inspectors. More importantly, it provides multiple avenues for existing inspectors to continue their business operations.

We are hopeful that with your support, House Bill 211 can be placed on this week's calendar for a vote. Your vote in support of this bill will ensure that when a consumer hires a home inspector, the inspection is being done by a qualified inspector with the knowledge and background to provide a quality inspection report. House Bill 211 is supported by both REALTORS and the Ohio Chapter, Southern Ohio Chapter and the North Central Ohio Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors members.

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Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 12:27 PM  
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>  
Subject: Pass HB 211 - Home Inspector Licensing Now

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Sincerely,

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wintertown

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**From:** wintertown@aol.com  
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Sincerely,

MML  
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wintertown@aol.com

noreenrealtor

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**Sent:** Friday, June 29, 2018 3:03 PM  
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Sincerely,

noreen kaseda  
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nelliem

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**Sent:** Friday, June 29, 2018 3:03 PM  
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Sincerely,

Helen Masturzo  
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sue.evans.realtor

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**From:** sue.evans.realtor@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, June 29, 2018 3:04 PM  
**To:** rep76@ohiohouse.gov  
**Subject:** Pass HB 211 - Home Inspector Licensing Now

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**From:** Rep76  
**Sent:** Friday, June 29, 2018 3:16 PM  
**To:** 'Carol Coggins'  
**Subject:** RE: Pass HB 211 - Home Inspector Licensing Now

Dear Carol,

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Sincerely,

Sarah LaTourette  
State Representative  
Ohio House District 76

-----Original Message-----

From: Carol Coggins <realtorcarolcoggins@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 3:49 PM  
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>  
Subject: Pass HB 211 - Home Inspector Licensing Now

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Sincerely,

Carol Coggins  
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**From:** realtorcarolcoggins@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, June 29, 2018 3:17 PM  
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**From:** Rep76  
**Sent:** Friday, June 29, 2018 3:18 PM  
**To:** 'Lindsey Phillips'  
**Subject:** RE: Pass HB 211 - Home Inspector Licensing Now

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lindsey Phillips <lindseygriff2@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 1:04 PM  
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>  
Subject: Pass HB 211 - Home Inspector Licensing Now

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Chagrin Falls, OH 44022  
lindseygriff2@gmail.com

**From:** Rep76  
**Sent:** Friday, June 29, 2018 3:18 PM  
**To:** 'Deborah Salapa'  
**Subject:** RE: Pass HB 211 - Home Inspector Licensing Now

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**From:** Gongwer News Service  
**Sent:** Monday, July 2, 2018 8:34 AM  
**To:** Rep76  
**Subject:** Ohio Media Clips, Monday, July 2



## NEWS

**Auditor's report shows opioids impact on Medicaid (Associated Press, 7/2/2018)**

**Ohio Lawmakers Approve Lake Erie Algae Prevention Bill (Associated Press, 7/2/2018)**

**Biden in Cincy: Trump's ideology is 'aggrandizing power' (Cincinnati Enquirer, 7/2/2018)**

**Complaint: Security should not stop black, female lawmaker (Cincinnati Enquirer, 7/2/2018)**

**Ohio's Trump country is fond of this Democrat (Cincinnati Enquirer, 7/2/2018)**

**First Ohio medical marijuana cultivator OK'd to grow cannabis, testing lab licenses awarded (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/2/2018)**

**Hey Washington, regular Ohioans agree on these federal budget fixes (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/2/2018)**

**Ohio's new compliant driver's licenses: What documents will you need? (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/2/2018)**

**Rep. Emilia Sykes files racism, sexism complaints with Ohio Civil Rights Commission over state building security allegations (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/2/2018)**

**Capitol Insider: Why is Ohio Medicaid defending pharmacy middlemen? (Columbus Dispatch, 7/2/2018)**

**Fireworks bill still up in the air as July Fourth holiday approaches (Columbus Dispatch, 7/2/2018)**

**Ohio teacher evaluations get an overhaul teachers like (Columbus Dispatch, 7/2/2018)**

**Ohio U and University of Toledo team up on health issues, including opioids (Columbus Dispatch, 7/2/2018)**

**Video catches Cordray dropping another Nazi reference (Columbus Dispatch, 7/2/2018)**

**Local child's death could spark statewide abuse registry (Dayton Daily News, 7/2/2018)**

**Ohio governor race: DeWine says he wants to make these changes to Ohio's early childhood programs (Dayton Daily News, 7/2/2018)**

**Some Ohio Democrats on ballot this year for Congress say Pelosi must go (Dayton Daily News, 7/2/2018)**

**2 Butler County Statehouse candidates among the state's top fundraisers since January (Journal-News, 7/2/2018)**

**Ohio lawmakers back bill requiring teachers to out transgender kids (Journal-News, 7/2/2018)**

**Lawmakers send Clean Lake 2020 Plan to Kasich (Port Clinton News Herald, 7/2/2018)**

**Fireworks regulations vary by state, city (Toledo Blade, 7/2/2018)**

**Government, military officials in favor of Trump's nuclear bailout plan (Toledo Blade, 7/2/2018)**

**Janus ruling unlikely to impact local unions, organizers say (Toledo Blade, 7/2/2018)**

**U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur to receive key to the city (Toledo Blade, 7/2/2018)**

## **EDITORIALS**

**Beacon Journal/Ohio.com editorial board: Repair online charter schools? Statehouse Republicans aren't there yet (Akron Beacon Journal, 7/2/2018)**

**Ohio lawmakers pass questionable legislation in 'bill-a-thon' session: Thomas Suddes (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/2/2018)**

**Editorial: Senate payday delay hurts consumers but helps lobbyists (Columbus Dispatch, 7/2/2018)**

**Sherrod Brown steps up (Toledo Blade, 7/2/2018)**

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**From:** Ohio Chamber  
**Sent:** Monday, July 2, 2018 8:36 AM  
**To:** Rep76  
**Subject:** Ohio Chamber Legislative Update July 2



**OHIO CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE**

## Legislative Update

July 2, 2018

***Read about the issues that impact your business.***

### ***We're All For .....***

#### **Regulatory Reform**

On Wednesday, the Ohio Legislature took a major step forward towards much-needed regulatory reform. Senate Bill 221, which has long been an Ohio Chamber priority bill passed through the House and the Senate and is now on its way to Governor Kasich's desk. [Continue reading.](#)

[Click here](#) to read about the bills we are following.

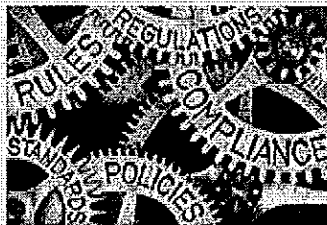


### **We're All for Providing Information**

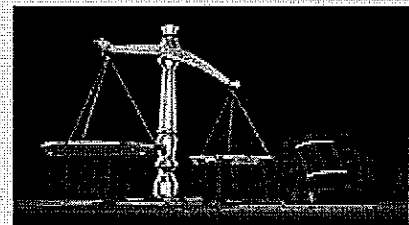
Be sure to read our latest blog posts on [allforohio.com](http://allforohio.com) for additional information that is of interest to Ohio Chamber members. Here are our blog posts from the past week:



**Pro-Business Cyber Security  
Legislation Heads to  
Governor**



**Senate Moves Fresh  
Approach to Provide  
Regulatory Relief**



**Supreme Court Rules  
Fair-Share Fees  
Decidedly Unfair**

In a flurry of legislative activity during the final week of June, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 220, cybersecurity legislation improving Ohio's business and legal climate. **[Read about the bill.](#)**

Ever feel overwhelmed by bureaucratic red tape and government regulations? This week, the Ohio Senate passed Senate Bill 293 in an effort to provide businesses with some regulatory relief. **[What does this bill mean for Ohio?](#)**

By now, news of the *Janus* decision has spread like wildfire across every type of media imaginable. This is big news and the blog in this post by Ohio Chamber member Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP goes through the ins and outs of the case itself in detail. **[Continue reading.](#)**

#### We're All for Connections



#### Contact Ohio Chamber Lobbyists

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**From:** Ohio Women in Government

**Sent:** Thursday, July 5, 2018 10:25 AM

**To:** Price, Ciara

**Subject:** Navigating Harassment, Understanding the Law, and Forming and  
Cultivating Strategy Partners

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**OWIG Luncheon**  
**Navigating Harassment, Understanding the Law,**  
**and Forming and Cultivating Strategy Partners**



**Friday, July 13 | 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**  
**Bricker and Eckler, 100 S. Third St. Columbus, Ohio**

Ohio Women in Government is excited to offer an exclusive luncheon workshop, where members can develop abilities to manage harassment in the workplace. This workshop will go beyond standard HR department trainings and help members harness the necessary soft skills for navigating intense situations.

OWIG is very fortunate to have Marilyn McClure-Demers, VP & Associate General Counsel at Nationwide Insurance, and Lisa Kathumbi, Partner at Bricker & Eckler conducting the workshop.

These incredibly accomplished women are passionate about bringing women together in a safe space to talk about harassment. Marilyn and Lisa will lead a situational-based discussion that will be casual and comfortable, and aims to be relevant for the daily lives of our members. The workshop will be a closed door session, where women will be allowed to speak freely about the experiences of women in government.

OWIG hopes that attendees will walk away with new tools for working through harassment and an awakened strength to form strategy partnerships in the workplace.

**The luncheon will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m.**  
**Seating is very limited. Please reserve your spot ASAP.**

**The cost of the luncheon is \$5 for OWIG members.**

**Prospective members can pay dues and register for the luncheon at the link below.**

**Please register by Monday, July 9.**

**[Click Here to Register](#)**



**Marilyn McClure-Demers,**  
Vice President, Associate  
General Counsel,  
Nationwide Insurance

Marilyn McClure-Demers currently serves as Vice President and Associate General Counsel at Nationwide in the Office of the Chief Legal Officer at Nationwide. In this role, she leads the teams responsible for managing and directing strategy for all Corporate/Intellectual Property and financial services litigation and Discovery Management for the



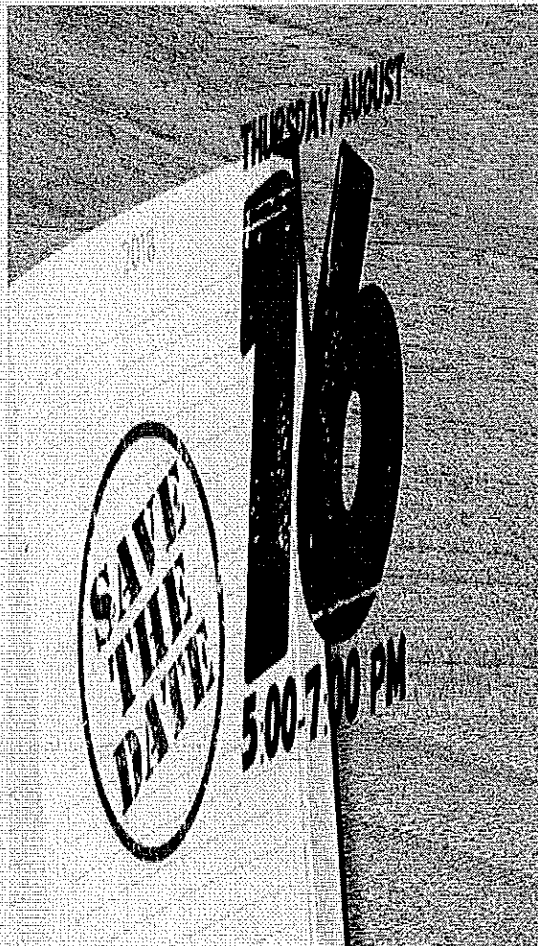
**Lisa Kathumbi,**  
Partner,  
Bricker & Eckler LLP

Lisa M. Kathumbi is an experienced employment law advisor, litigator and trainer. She represents companies and executives in a wide range of labor and employment matters, including discrimination and harassment, leave and accommodation, covenants-not-to-compete, breach of contract, wrongful termination in violation of public policy and alleged violations of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). In addition to her litigation practice, Lisa serves as a strategy partner, helping clients achieve their business goals while minimizing legal risks and routinely training and advising companies regarding day-to-day employment issues.

enterprise. She also personally represents Nationwide in matters pertaining to the areas for which she is responsible including regulatory or agency matters. Marilyn has previously led teams which managed both Property and Casualty extra-contractual litigation and P&C Class action litigation. She also served on the law department's Diversity and Inclusion Council.

Marilyn is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and a past Fellow of the Leadership Council for Legal Diversity and sits on its Alumni Executive Council. Marilyn is a past recipient of the Hispanic National Bar Association Region X President's Award and the Ohio Diversity Conference Diversity First Award. She is a community steward and served as Chair and Founder of the Women's Leadership Network (WLN) for Delaware County, is Past President of the Ohio Women's Bar Association (OWBA), and served as Board Chair of the United Way of Delaware County, Ohio.

An active member of the Columbus community, Lisa has served on the editorial board for *Better Lawyers*, a publication of the Columbus Bar Association, as a founding board member of Ruling Our Experiences (ROX), and on the boards of the John Mercer Langston Bar Association (JMLBA), City Year Columbus and the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus. Lisa is immediate past president of the Ohio Women's Bar Association (OWBA) and was the first African-American president in the 900-member organization's 26-year history.



### **Summer Networking--Save the Date!**

After a very successful networking event on June 14, planning is underway for another networking event in August.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, August 16. The event will be from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Location and other details TBA.

## **Ohio Women in Government**

Ohio Women in Government is a 501(c)(3) organization that understands the importance of developing the professional talents of its members and promoting more women to positions of leadership.

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Many of the students enrolled in Ohio's largest online charter school when it closed in January have transferred to other schools, but state officials don't know what happened with about 2,300 students.

#### **OHIO NATIVE ANDREW WHEELER, FORMER COAL LOBBYIST, IS NEW EPA LEADER**

The new leader of the Environmental Protection Agency is a former coal industry lobbyist who helped lead an industry fight against regulations that protect Americans' health and address climate change.

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#### **DEWINE SAYS HANDS TIED ON PURSUING ECOT -- UNTIL TRIAL-COURT RULING**

Responding to critics questioning why it did not take action against ECOT founder Bill Lager years ago, the office of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine says its hands were legally tied until a lower court ruling in March.

#### **OHIO LIBERTARIANS SUBMIT PETITION FORMS TO REGAIN MINOR-PARTY STATUS**

The Libertarian Party of Ohio expects its comeback to succeed, allowing the party to field candidates for governor, U.S. Senate and other offices this fall.

#### **DEMOCRAT DANNY O'CONNOR LAUNCHES AD LINKING HIMSELF TO ... JOHN KASICH?**

In a bid to win the support of independents and moderate Republicans, Democratic congressional candidate Danny O'Connor has launched a 30-second TV commercial

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### **EDITORIAL: STATEHOUSE SECURITY SHOULD BE APPLIED EVENLY TO ALL**

It is disappointing that Statehouse security officials and a two-term state representative haven't been able to resolve the lawmaker's allegation that she has been inappropriately hassled multiple times while trying to enter the building.

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### **RIGHT-TO-WORK GROUP DEMANDS OHIO STOP COLLECTING UNION DUES FROM SOME STATE WORKERS**

A "right-to-work" advocacy group has threatened to launch a class-action suit against Ohio and 19 other states if they don't immediately stop deducting union dues from non-union public employees' paychecks following a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

### **OHIO DRUG TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION AMENDMENT COULD BE ON NOVEMBER BALLOT**

Supporters of a proposal to reduce penalties for nonviolent drug crime offenders submitted hundreds of thousands of signatures on Wednesday to put the measure on the November ballot.

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The success of a state's medical marijuana program can hinge on what medical conditions qualify a patient for treatment with cannabis.

### **OHIO LIBERTARIANS SEEK A RETURN TO THE BALLOT THIS YEAR**

After almost four years in the political wilderness, the Libertarian Party of Ohio is seeking to regain state recognition for the 2018 midterm election.

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Just due it: A "right-to-work" advocacy group has threatened Ohio with a lawsuit if it doesn't immediately stop collecting union dues from non-union state workers.

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Republicans have pounced on Ohio Democratic governor candidate Richard Cordray for referencing Nazis in two recent rallies.

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Richard Stroshine, co-owner of Stroshine's Studs and Buds in Northwood, is too familiar with the horrors of puppy mills.

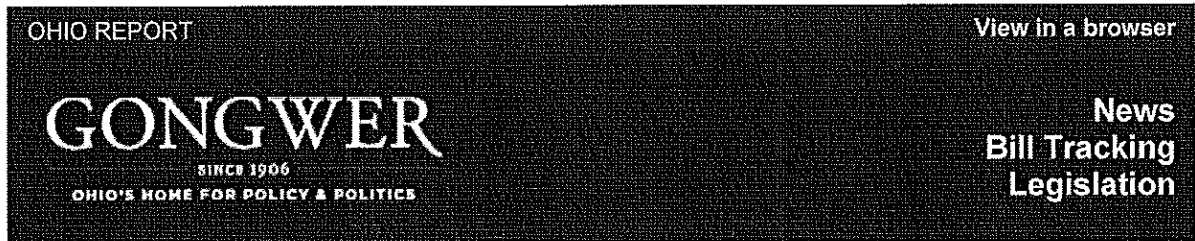
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Former U.S. Attorney Steve Dettelbach is running for Attorney General of Ohio, in part, on the promise that he will focus on human trafficking.

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**Payday Lending Proposal Slated For Rare Summer Action In Senate Next Week**

An expected legislative break is being cut short for the Senate as the chamber is set to return next week to continue its work considering a contentious overhaul of short-term lending laws.

The payday lending bill (HB 123) is slated for consideration by the Senate Finance Committee Monday and Tuesday, if necessary. The measure is expected to come up before the full Senate Tuesday morning.

The Finance Committee meetings are expected to be the only committee action of the week.

John Fortney, spokesman for Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina), said amendments are expected Monday or Tuesday.

What that language will look like remains unclear.

The committee spent much of last week hearing testimony on the measure and weighing potential changes offered by Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima).

Backers of the original language, which would limit fees and interest rates and require repayment to be capped at 5% of the borrower's income, balked at proposed changes in the Senate. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 21, 2018)

Proponents, including the Pew Charitable Trusts, voiced openness to some changes, such as increasing the allowable loan sizes and rates, that would still preserve the overarching framework. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 25, 2018)

Sen. Matt Dolan (R-Chagrin Falls) said this week he had prepared amendments to that effect but wasn't sure whether the committee would work from the House-passed language or from a framework outlined by Sen. Huffman.

"My amendments were directed toward 123 based on what I heard in terms of testimony and in terms of what could help within the structure of 123 to increase the costs a little bit to help out the lenders," he said in an interview.

Those discussions have included increased rates and allowable fees, including raising the limit on what a borrower can be required to pay back to perhaps as high as 10% of their income, Sen. Dolan said.

"That would obviously increase the ability for the borrower to borrow more money," Sen. Dolan said. "We're trying to find that fine line."

Supporters of the initial language have said raising the 5% income limit to perhaps 7% or 8% would be acceptable, but 10% could be too high.

Sen. Huffman's proposals would create a framework around the total costs of installment loans, limiting those to a per diem rate based on the size and duration of the loan. He has said the proposal would also cap the total principal amount a borrower could have out at any one time at \$2,500. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 26, 2018)

### **State Touts Mental Health Parity With Managed Care Integration Of Behavioral Services**

With the July 1 carve-in of behavioral health services in Medicaid into managed care, the state says it is now compliant with a 2008 federal law requiring parity for mental health and addiction services.

The departments of Medicaid and of Mental Health and Addiction Services released a report examining compliance by managed care plans in providing parity in patients' access to those services.

The state was initially scheduled to show compliance in October 2017 but received approval from federal regulators to wait until the July 1 integration of behavioral health services into managed care. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 28, 2018)

"That gave us the opportunity to have our implementation dates be the same as our carve-in," Medicaid Director Barbara Sears said in an interview.

The behavioral health integration is a separate effort from the work toward parity, but the state decided to have those dates coincide because of the way it framed its plan with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, said Patrick Stephan, director of managed care for ODM.

"What we didn't want to do was have to go through the process twice," he said. "Had we not connected this with our integration of behavioral health services into managed care, we would've had to have done it on the fee-for-service side."

Parity means managed care plans will be prevented from having cumbersome prior authorization requirements, limits on service days or other restrictions on mental health services that aren't used on physical health services, Mr. Stephan said.

"At its core, this act requires us to make certain that within Medicaid, and in this case within the managed care plans' administration of the benefit, that we do not have qualitative or quantitative requirements on mental health services that are more stringent than what you would get on the physical side," he said.



Mr. Stephan said the move toward managed care will also help ensure patients' access to mental health services because plans are required to provide that access and can incentivize providers in order to achieve it.

"In the fee for service side, we had very little ability to encourage new providers into the market," he said. "On the managed care side, we have standards that the plans must meet, and if they don't, then they get fined, they get penalized."

Lori Criss, CEO of the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services Providers, said parity is key but questioned whether the system has actually achieved the goal.

"Fully implementing and robustly enforcing the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 is critically important to ensure that Ohioans can understand and access the health insurance benefits rightly available to them," she said in a statement. "While we appreciate Ohio Medicaid's compliance report, the analysis appears to lack sufficient detail to support its broad conclusion without review of the underlying assessment documents."

Moving forward, the state will have to ensure parity standards are met, she said.

"The real test will be how well Medicaid promotes transparency and holds the plans accountable for the law's requirements," she said. "The Ohio Parity at 10 Coalition looks forward to working with lawmakers and the administration to raise awareness of the law's benefits to Ohioans, their families and employers."

### **CAUV 'On the Road To Correction' Following Budget Changes, Group Says**

Budget language aimed at alleviating increased costs from rising Current Agricultural Use Values are having their intended impact, the Ohio Farmers Union told state officials recently.

The Department of Taxation each year holds a public hearing in June to brief farmers and interest groups on the latest values and to gather feedback on the subject.

In recent years, the meetings have been the site of much angst as some farmers grapple with sharp increases. During the 2014 tax year, the high watermark, increases were seen as high as 400%. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 2, 2017)

"We had tremendous increase in the CAUV values going back to 2008," said Ted Finnarn, attorney for the organization. "Because of (the changes), the CAUV values have come down and are heading back down to where they should have been."

But the latest meeting came and went with little fanfare, with the union providing the only testimony and praising the recent changes.

"We're finally on the road to correction," Mr. Finnarn said in an interview. "By the 2020 cycle, the CAUV values will be down so farmers have more reasonable taxes."

Gloria Gardner, assistant administrator for the department, said the statewide average value for cropland came in at \$1,015 per acre for tax year 2018, down about 27% from 2015 values which were \$1,388. The values are updated every three years as counties undergo their appraisal process.

"The values are dropping pretty significantly due to some of the changes that were in House Bill 49 in 2017 and this is the second year of implementing those changes," Ms. Gardner said. "The woodland values are also coming down."

The budget changes, which originated in the Senate, modified the factors to be used in computing the values and placed a ceiling on the taxable value of CAUV land if it is also used for conservation purposes. The changes were phased across two stages over a six year assessment cycle.

"We sort of had a perfect storm - all of these things coming together - and we had extremely high values that were unwarranted and unfair and unprecedented," Mr. Finnarn said. "Now we're on the road to having more reasonable real estate taxes for farmers and woodland owners."

Not all parties were pleased with the budget changes, however. School groups expressed repeated concerns with how the changes might impact their districts, forecasting a 30% reduction in farming property values that would shift the burden onto other property owners.

Barbara Shaner, advocacy specialist for the Ohio Association of School Business Officials, said those fears continue.

"We're still sorting out the results of the most recent information from the tax department but we also think we won't see the full effect for a few more years because not all the counties have undergone their reevaluation," Ms. Shaner said. "We remain concerned and we'll continue to monitor the way it's turning out."

### **Ed Board Expected To Debate, Vote On Third-Grade Reading Benchmark**

The State Board of Education is set to vote to increase the Third Grade Reading Guarantee promotion score next weekend at its monthly meeting.

A proposal to raise the benchmark students would need to meet on the Ohio State Test for third grade English and language arts from 672 to 677 was set for a possible vote by the panel's Achievement and Graduation Requirements Committee last month, but it ultimately delayed its decision. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 12, 2018)

The committee is once again scheduled to discuss the proposal at its 8:30 a.m. Tuesday meeting, with the full board expected to consider the resolution enacting the change later that day. The resolution is set for consideration as an emergency measure, so it would take effect before the start of the next school year.

The state board is required by law to review the third grade language arts benchmark and adjust it upward annually until it reaches 700, which indicates proficiency, according to a memo sent to committee members late last month by the Department of Education's legal staff.

Despite the requirement that the score increase, the committee balked at recommending the promotion score be set at 677 last month, with multiple members asking for more time to discuss the potential change with local school district officials.

District 4 board member Pat Bruns at the time said she was concerned raising the score could mean districts' improvements at teaching young readers would not be reflected in state report cards, sending a "false message" to community members.

An overview of the issue provided by ODE to the committee states that: "Because of the state law, the education community is expecting to see a modest increase in the promotion score. No one will be surprised by an increase."

ODE also argues the change in the overall language arts score from 672 to 677 corresponds to the smallest possible increase in the reading subscore, from 44 to 45.

"It is possible this change will not increase the number or percent of students who are retained. If there is a reduction in the number of students promoted, we would expect it to be small," the overview states.

At-large board member Laura Köhler, the committee's chairwoman, previously said she supports the plan to increase the benchmark to 677 because administrators and teachers have been preparing for it with increased aid from the state.

"We're looking at a different landscape than we were a couple of year ago with the supports that are in place," she said.

**Subscriber's Note:** The full agenda for the State Board of Education's Monday and Tuesday meeting is available online.

### **Rover, FERC Staff Spar Over Land Restoration, Pipeline Operations**

Rover Pipeline operators, long at odds with state regulators, are now amping up their frustration with their federal overseers.

In recent missives, Rover Pipeline LCC blasted Federal Energy Regulatory Commission staff for what it considers the commission's failure to authorize full operation of a major section of the controversial project. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 1, 2018)

The lack of action on FERC's part has left Rover "more than a little baffled," wrote Rover Senior Vice President Chris Sonneborn. But FERC staff said the delays are prompted by Rover's failure to restore land impacted by the project by a June 30 deadline. The

company in recent weeks has informed staff restoration efforts are likely to continue until "at least" July 30.

According to Rover, FERC staff in May authorized service to commence on a main segment of the pipeline called Supply Connector Line B. But in doing so, staff withheld granting in-service authorization for two laterals pending further review.

"As a result of staff's inaction, significant volumes of natural gas have been unable to flow on pipeline facilities that have been completed for nearly a month," Mr. Sonneborn wrote. "This is unfortunate, because...the incremental natural gas supply that would have been available to flow would have been used to offset the large deficit the nation is facing to replenish storage inventories in preparation for the 2018-2019 heating season...."

Failure to act soon, the company claims, is outside "the public interest." But FERC declined to be persuaded by the company's comments. Staff instead responded with a formal notice directing the company to complete outstanding restoration activities at those two Ohio sites.

"Because restoration of these facilities was not complete at the time of in-service authorization, Rover committed to completing the remaining restoration activities by specific dates," wrote John Wood, FERC's deputy director of the Office of Energy Projects. "However, commission staff monitoring certificate compliance believes that rover will be unable to meet a number of those commitments...."

As a result, staff directed Rover to take "prompt and immediate action" and to file prior to July 9 a detailed account of why the company cannot adhere to the agreed upon timetable.

"Neither the commission nor its staff takes lightly a pipeline's commitments to restore and rehabilitate affected lands," Mr. Wood said. "Accordingly, the commission expects pipelines to follow through on their commitments to restore and rehabilitate land and other resources disturbed by the construction of a certificated pipeline."

In response, Mr. Sonneborn issued a second letter this week leveling further attacks, accusing FERC staff of making "several inaccurate statements" toward the project and the company's willingness to fulfill its land restoration commitments.

"For the record, and as Rover has stated previously in this docket on numerous occasions, Rover will honor and meet all of its restoration commitments - whether those are scheduled to occur before or after Rover is fully in service," Rover wrote. "Any implication to the contrary is simply untrue."

Rover now is also accusing FERC staff of "a fundamental misunderstanding" of how the restoration process works.

"A company can supply ample resources, equipment, and personnel to restoration efforts; however, the variable of weather, and therefore the pace of restoration, is simply outside of any pipeline's control," Rover wrote. "There is no amount of planning or resources that can change the reality that on any major pipeline project there are always going to be changes to the restoration schedule due to events outside of the pipeline's control."

The company's public pushback accusing FERC of stating falsehoods is much like the back-and-forth Rover has engaged in with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Rover and the OEPA have engaged in a months-long back and forth with Rover accusing OEPA of cooperating with the company in private but taking an adversarial approach in public.

That tiff ultimately led to a lawsuit filed by the state, which Rover and several other defendants have filed to dismiss. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 5, 2018)

### **Public Comments Continue On State, Federal Lifeline Proposals**

Stakeholder groups and citizens are continuing their efforts to thwart state and federal proposals that would eliminate in whole or in part a federal discount program for low-income customers.

At the state level, AT&T is proposing to discontinue its participation in the federal Lifeline program - which grants eligible customers a \$9.25 monthly credit - in areas in which another provider operates that service.

But the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has yet to approve that plan and in recent days has urged the public to weigh in via written feedback.

Meanwhile, the Federal Communications Commission is weighing a similar but more far-reaching plan that would largely eliminate the resource for a swathe of customers across the country. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 23, 2018)

In the PUCO case, comments have been submitted from a handful of citizens as of Friday, each urging the commission to deny AT&T's plan and maintain the program.

Several commenters described themselves as licensed social workers working with elderly populations. Others are customers who benefit from the program and who labeled the company's attempt to cut it "indefensible" and "abhorrent."

AT&T, for its part, has emphasized that no Ohio customer will lose voice service through the move but will instead receive it at the standard rate. Customers are free, it said, to receive the Lifeline discount from other providers in those areas.

The move "will have only a nominal impact on Ohio consumers who have demonstrated a clear preference for obtaining their Lifeline discount from (companies) other than

AT&T," the company said. "Over the past eight years, AT&T has seen its own Ohio Lifeline subscribership shrink by 94%."

Advocates, though, caution the move would strip vulnerable Ohioans of a valuable resource. The Ohio Consumers' Counsel and the Greater Edgemont Community Coalition are among those protesting the idea. In part, they've urged commissioners to solicit public input and take the federal case into consideration. (Docket)

In the federal case, the Federal Communications Commission is proposing changes critics say will erect more barriers for Lifeline consumers nationwide. There are about 608,000 total subscribers in Ohio, according to proponents of the program.

The PUCO and the Ohio Consumers' Counsel are among parties that have submitted comments in opposition to the federal proposal.

Under the proposed changes, eligible consumers must enroll online first through a third-party verifier and then through a specified carrier. Currently, the customer can enroll directly through their provider.

Proponents of the Lifeline program this week were denied a stay in the case when regulators determined the parties were unlikely to prevail on the merits and would not suffer irreparable injury.

In response, Q Link, the nation's third-largest Lifeline provider, on Thursday filed an emergency motion that if approved would enact additional changes to enable carriers to collect customer information directly from the third-party verifier.

Q Link serves about 40,000 Lifeline customers in Ohio. Sixty-seven percent reside in rural or suburban areas and 82% are new to Lifeline, which the company said indicates they were previously unserved by and may not have access to other providers.

"The...proposed change will be unnecessarily difficult and confusing for consumers," said Q Link CEO Issa Asad in a statement. "Beyond the impact on rural Americans, which will be significant, the new system's failure to include automated links with carriers will unnecessarily cost taxpayers tens of millions of dollars."

### **'Sweeping' Changes In Store After Federal Regulators Reject PJM Capacity Market Plans**

Federal regulators voted along party lines recently to toss aside two proposals from PJM Interconnection to revamp the capacity market, paving the way for a potentially drastic shake up in the months ahead.

PJM in April submitted two competing proposals for FERC's consideration on how to best overhaul the market. But in the end, the commission's 3-2 order went far beyond simply rejecting the proposals and instead paves the way for what one dissenting

commissioner labeled "sweeping" changes for the grid operator that serves 13 states. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 7, 2018)

In short, the commission determined subsidies for renewable and nuclear sources have rendered PJM's current tariff "unjust, unreasonable and unduly discriminatory" in that it fails to ensure adequate competition. FERC is now proposing to expand the minimum offer price rule - which enacts a screening process to gauge the competitiveness of new resources - among other changes.

"We find...the PJM Tariff allows resources receiving out-of-market support to significantly affect capacity prices in a manner that will cause unjust and unreasonable and unduly discriminatory rates in PJM regardless of the intent motivating the support," the majority wrote. "We are compelled...to conclude that out-of-market payments by certain PJM states have reached a level sufficient to significantly impact the capacity market clearing prices and the integrity of the resulting price signals on which investors and consumers rely to guide the orderly entry and exit of capacity resources."

Stakeholder groups in Ohio and beyond are still parsing the details of the 106-page order, but they have a short timetable to digest its ramifications. After the 60-day comment window, parties have 30 days for reply comments after which FERC wants to reach a solution.

PJM issued a statement stating its pleasure that FERC is taking action.

"The order appears to be a positive step to change competitive electric market design while recognizing the important role states play in influencing the resource mix through retail energy policies," according to PJM. "We will begin work immediately to develop the kind of bifurcated capacity construct envisioned by the commission and actively engage stakeholders, including the states, within the timetable laid out by the commission."

But FERC's two Democratic members issued scathing dissents regarding the substance of the order and the timeline laid out by the majority.

"Let's be clear: through its action today, the majority signals its intent to adopt, through a 90-day paper hearing, the most sweeping changes to the PJM capacity construct since the market's inception more than a decade ago," Commissioner Cheryl LaFleur wrote in her dissent. "If ultimately adopted, this proposal would fundamentally rebalance the resource adequacy responsibilities of the states, the commission, and PJM."

Commissioner Richard Glick said the commission in its order "entirely fails" to demonstrate its claims the market is unjust and further criticized the timeline.

"Requiring interested parties to decipher today's order, develop testimony, gather evidence, and meaningfully respond within 60 days is irresponsible," he said. "On top of that, this short timeframe essentially guarantees that PJM will not be able to work with the states to develop a proposal that aligns with state policies."

## **Agency Briefs: Hurst To Replace Plouck At ODMHAS; U.S. Unemployment Rate Up; OSHP; ODNR**

Dr. Mark Hurst will replace Tracy Plouck as director of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services next week as Ms. Plouck, a longtime administration official, leaves for the private sector.

Gov. John Kasich announced Dr. Hurst's appointment Friday. He will take over the department effective July 13.

Ms. Plouck has been in Gov. Kasich's cabinet since 2011 and has twice served as state Medicaid director. She also served as deputy director in the Department of Developmental Disabilities and the Office of Budget and Management.

"I'm extremely grateful to Tracy Plouck for her leadership, compassion, counsel and service to Ohio," Gov. Kasich said. "She has a servant spirit and exemplifies the best in public leadership. She is a model for other leaders to follow and I wish her and her family all the best in this new chapter of their lives."

Dr. Hurst has served as medical director at ODMHAS since 2012 and has been at the department since 1993.

"Dr. Hurst's leadership, insights and compassion have distinguished him as a valuable member of our team and contributed mightily to the progress Ohio is beginning to make against addiction and to lift up our fellow Ohioans struggling with mental illness," Gov. Kasich said in a statement. "I appreciate that he's agreed to take on this responsibility. The work ahead is monumental and the challenges will continue to shift, but his leadership has been-and will continue to be-an enormous asset in Ohio's efforts in these areas."

**Unemployment:** The U.S. added 213,000 jobs in June despite a loss of jobs in retail trade, but the unemployment rate rose to 4% as more people re-entered the labor force, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Friday.

The unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage points to 4% as the number of unemployed people rose by nearly 500,000 to 6.6 million, the BLS reported.

The overall labor force grew significantly, rising by 601,000, with the labor force participation rate rising 0.2 percentage points to 62.9%, the report said.

The survey found job gains of 50,000 for the month in professional and business services. Manufacturing employment grew by 36,000, mostly in durable goods manufacturing, including fabricated metal products (+7,000), computer and electronic products (+5,000) and primary metals (+3,000).

Motor vehicles and parts manufacturing bounced back from a loss of 8,000 jobs in May with a gain of 12,000 in June, the report found.



Health care employment was up 25,000 for the month, construction was up 13,000 and mining was up 5,000.

Retail trade lost 22,000 jobs, a month after seeing a gain of 25,000 in May.

**State Highway Patrol:** The patrol reported eight people were killed in four deadly crashes during the Fourth of July reporting period Tuesday and Wednesday. Impairment was a factor in at least one of the deadly crashes.

During last year's reporting period, from June 30 to July 4, there were 21 fatal crashes that killed 21 people, including eight OVI-related crashes, the patrol said.

Troopers made 296 impaired driving arrests and 276 arrests on drug charges. They responded to 297 crashes and assisted more than 2,000 motorists.

"When someone chooses to drive impaired the consequences can be deadly," Patrol Superintendent Col. Paul A. Pride said in a statement. "That's why troopers make OVI enforcement a priority, whether they're patrolling during a holiday weekend or any time of day. Motorists should always pre-plan a sober way home."

**Natural Resources:** The department's officers and partnering agencies issued 102 citations and 895 warnings last weekend during Operation Dry Water, a nationwide crackdown on impaired boating.

There were three boating-related fatalities in Ohio during the weekend, the ODNR said.

ODNR officers and partners contacted 3,500 boaters on 1,261 vessels for various violations during the crackdown.

The Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management reported that 2,840 permits had been issued for drilling in the Utica shale as of June 30, with 2,370 wells drilled and 1,904 in production.

### **Burke Blasts Cordray's Medicaid Comments; Soybean Group Sounds Tariff Alarm; Boccheri Calls For More Local Funding**

A lawmaker on Friday accused Democratic gubernatorial candidate Richard Cordray of either lying about or not understanding the issue of Medicaid expansion.

Sen. Dave Burke (R-Marysville), who chairs the Senate Health, Human Services & Medicaid Committee, accused Mr. Cordray of twice in the past week saying that 26,000 children could be impacted if Medicaid expansion were rolled back.

However, Sen. Burke said in a statement that the expansion covers only childless adults.

"Richard Cordray continues to make Medicaid expansion a key part of his campaign for governor, but his statements over the past week prove he does not understand Ohio's Medicaid program. Cordray's comments in the media show he is either unprepared to be governor, or that he is willing to blatantly lie and use fear tactics to scare Ohioans into voting for him," he said.

"Medicaid comprises over 50% of Ohio's annual budget. If Richard Cordray doesn't understand such a key part of the state budget, then Ohioans simply cannot trust him to sit in the governor's office. Richard Cordray is making promises, and this week he's proven to us that that he doesn't know how he would keep them, even if he wanted to."

In response, the campaign of Mr. Cordray cited a 2016 report from the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families that credited Medicaid expansion for 26,000 children gaining insurance coverage from 2013-2015.

**Tariff Concerns:** The Ohio Soybean Association is sounding the alarm about retaliatory tariffs China has placed on American soybeans. The tariffs kicked in Friday in response to tariffs enacted by the Trump Administration that same day on an array of Chinese goods.

The group in a statement said 61% of all soybean exports go to China, which accounts for about \$14 billion annually in sales.

"This doesn't only hurt Ohio farmers, it will hurt the entire Ohio economy," said Allen Armstrong, OSA president and soybean farmer from Clark County. "We continue to believe that solutions can be found that do not involve tariffs and a trade war that will hurt all of rural America."

**Local Funding:** A new report by the Brookings Institute has led to a renewed call for more local government funding.

The report found that from 2010-2017, three Ohio cities ranked in the top 20 in population decline: Youngstown (19), Toledo (12) and Cleveland (5).

Rep. John Boccieri (D-Alliance) in a statement called for additional funding for local governments to stem the tide of population loss.

"You can push the responsibility of raising revenue to the lowest layers of government while sending more and more to state government," he said. "As elected officials, we have a duty to work together to get things done - regardless of who is in charge."

### **Case Remanded After Judge Cites Article In Sentencing; High Court Denies Stay Of Execution; Buckeye Institute Weighs In On Case...**

A federal district court judge erred in doubling a man's sentence after citing a Cleveland.com article on opioid overdoses, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled recently.

Marcus Fleming in July 2016 was pulled over by Canton police and found to be carrying nearly 1,000 grams of cocaine.

Based on federal sentencing guidelines, the prosecution recommended five years in prison for Mr. Fleming.

However, at the sentencing hearing Judge John Adams cited the article before handing down a 10-year sentence.

Mr. Fleming argued he was prejudiced by the use of the article because he did not know it would be cited at the sentencing hearing and he was not provided an opportunity to address the issues raised.

The Sixth Circuit agreed, finding the sentence was rendered in a procedurally unreasonable manner.

"The district court's consideration of information about mixed cocaine-opioid overdose deaths was a surprise because, before the sentencing hearing, there was no indication that opioids were relevant to this case, let alone that they would play a prominent role. Fleming was convicted for possession of cocaine, not opioids," Judge John Rogers wrote in the court's decision.

"Nothing in the record suggested that opioids were found in Fleming's car, or that Fleming had ever sold or possessed opioids, or even that any cocaine Fleming sold had ever been mixed with opioids. Of course, opioids have been a topic of grave public concern in recent years, as their devastating and tragic effects have been felt across the country. But it was far from apparent that they were relevant to Fleming's sentence for possession of cocaine."

Judge Rogers was joined by Judge Raymond Kethledge and Judge Damon Keith in his decision.

The case is remanded back to the district court for sentencing.

**Stay Denied:** The Ohio Supreme Court has declined to stay the execution of a man set to be put to death this month.

In a unanimous ruling the court declined to stay the July 18 execution of Robert Van Hook.

He is on death row after being convicted of the 1985 murder of David Self.

**Judicial Deference:** The Buckeye Institute has filed an amicus brief in a case that could end judicial deference to executive agencies' interpretations of the law.

"The practice of courts relying on agencies to interpret the law has proven to be dysfunctional, inconsistent with our constitutional system, and has led to the erosion of individual liberties," President and CEO Robert Alt said in a statement. "It is time for the Supreme Court to junk *Chevron*."

**Disciplinary Proceedings:** The Board of Professional Conduct announced that 12 cases have been certified for formal disciplinary proceedings.

### **Portman Sets Sights On Deferred Park Maintenance; Dems Welcome Pruitt's Exit; Ryan Tours Immigrant Facility**

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) is among a bipartisan group of senators aiming to tackle about \$12 billion in deferred maintenance within the National Park Service.

He joined with senators Mark Warner (D-VA), Lamar Alexander (R-TN), and Angus King (I-ME) to introduce the Restore Our Parks Act, which has earned support from Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, the National Parks Conservation Association, the Pew Charitable Trusts' Restore America's Parks Campaign and the Outdoor Industry Association.

"For more than a century, the National Park Service has been inspiring Americans to explore the natural beauty of our country," Sen. Portman said in a statement. "But in order to keep that work going, we need to ensure that they have the right resources to maintain our national parks. This bill will create the Legacy Restoration Fund to provide the National Park Service with funds for deferred maintenance projects."

The legislation would provide more than \$100 million in funding for work at parks and historic sites in Ohio. The vast majority of the funding would go toward improvements at two sites: Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial in Put-in-Bay (\$47.7 million) and Cuyahoga Valley National Park in Cuyahoga and Summit counties (\$45.8 million).

**Resignation:** Democratic members of Ohio's congressional delegation had no kind words for U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt following his resignation Thursday.

"Scott Pruitt used taxpayer dollars to benefit himself while working to gut Lake Erie cleanup and the Renewable Fuel Standard and the Ohio jobs that depend on them," U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown tweeted. "He never should have been confirmed in the first place, and it's past time for him to go."

U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan (D-Niles) issued a brief statement in response to the departure: "It's about time."

U.S. Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-Blacklick) simply tweeted "Byeeeeeee!" with a link to a media report about Mr. Pruitt's resignation.

**Immigration:** Rep. Ryan and three of his U.S. House colleagues from Michigan on Thursday received a tour of Bethany Christian Services' facility in Grand Rapids and learned about the organization's plans to reunite immigrant children with their families.

Rep. Ryan in a statement called the Trump administration's policy of separating children from parents at the U.S.'s southern border "state sponsored abuse."

"Children are traveling by themselves or with their loved ones to avoid violence and danger in their country, and they fled to the United States to find safety and security. They are doing what any responsible parent would do," he said. "But when they arrive at our border, the Trump Administration turns its back on our values and rips children away from their parents - with zero plan to bring them back together."

**Hearing:** Sen. Brown and Sen. Portman will conduct a field hearing of a congressional committee charged with solving looming pension problems next week at the Statehouse.

The House and Senate Joint Select Committee on Pensions will meet at 2 p.m. next Friday at in the Finan Hearing Room. The hearing will allow panel members to receive testimony from Ohio workers and retirees who could be affected if Congress fails to take action.

Multiple plans Ohioans participate in, including the Central States Teamsters Pension Plan, the United Mine Workers Pension Plan, the Ironworkers Local 17 Pension Plan, the Ohio Southwest Carpenters Pension Plan and the Bakers and Confectioners Pension Plan "are currently on the "brink of failure," according to a news release from Sen. Portman's office.

The committee, which has 16 members appointed by House and Senate leadership, has been tasked with reporting a bill to resolve the issue by the end of November.

### **Capitol Scene: Child Caring Group Updates Name**

The advocacy group formerly known as the Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies has renamed itself the Ohio Children's Alliance, it was announced Friday.

The change, the group said, reflects the changing environment for child and family services.

"Our new name is more representative of our mission and the composition of our statewide network of community agencies," said Mark Mecum, the group's CEO. "Over the past five decades, our association has grown to over 70 community agencies that provide behavioral health, foster care, and other child and family services. We've also evolved into an alliance that fosters collaboration and innovation. Our new name symbolizes our commitment to Ohio's children and the agencies that serve them."

The organization was founded in 1973.

## **Governor's Appointments**

**State Dental Board:** Tracy Intihar of Columbus to the for a term beginning July 6, 2018, and ending April 6, 2021.

**Public Benefits Advisory Board:** Dasmine Wright of Columbus for a term beginning July 6, 2018, and ending June 30, 2021.

**Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission:** Guy C. Coviello of Youngstown for a term beginning July 6, 2018, and ending June 30, 2023.

**Ohio Arts Council:** Darryl D. Mehaffie of Greenville, Farid Naffah, MD of Cortland, and Neal F. Zimmers, Jr., JD of Granville have been reappointed to the for terms beginning July 6, 2018, and ending July 1, 2023.

## **Supplemental Agency Calendar**

**Tuesday, July 10**

Radioactive Materials Committee, 35 E. Chestnut St., Basement Training Room A, Columbus, 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, July 13**

Board of Voting Machine Examiners, 17th Fl., 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

## **Supplemental Event Planner**

**Monday, July 9**


Release of June casino revenue figures, 1:30 a.m.

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## Daily Activity Planner for Saturday, July 7-Monday, July 9

### Legislative Committees

Monday, July 16

Senate Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Oelslager, S., 466-0626), Finance Hearing Rm., 3 p.m.

**HB 123** **LENDING LAWS** (Koehler, K., Ashford, M.) To modify the Short-Term Loan Act, to specify a minimum duration requirement for loans made under the Small Loan Law and Mortgage Loan Law, and to limit the authority of credit services organizations to broker extensions of credit for buyers. (6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

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State Board of Education, 25 South Front St., Columbus, 8:30 a.m.

Controlling Board, North Hearing Rm., Senate Bldg., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

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Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 10 a.m.

Senate Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 11 a.m.


### **Thursday, July 12**

Ohio Retirement Study Council (Committee Record) (Chr. Schuring, K., 228-1346), Rm. 121, 10 a.m.  
Managed Long-Term Services and Supports Study Committee (Chr. Burke, D., 000-0467), Senate Finance Hearing Rm., 10 a.m.

- Providers and consumers of MyCare services will be invited to share their perspectives on MyCare Ohio along with Q & A (100 minutes); Quality Measures Data from Department of Medicaid (20 minutes)

### **Monday, July 16**

Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (Committee Record) (Chr. Uecker, J., 644-6030), Senate Finance Hearing Rm., 1:30 p.m.

**NOTE:** Click bill or resolution number links to see the legislative history compiled by Gongwer News Service. Click the  after a bill number to create a saved search and email alert for that bill. Click "Full Text" if present to view the text of legislation on the Legislature's Web site.

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### **Tuesday, July 10**

Rep. Scott Lipps (R-Franklin) fundraiser, Due Amici, 67 E. Gay St., Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Host: \$1,000, Sponsor: \$500, Patron: \$350 to Friends of Scott Lipps)

### **Wednesday, July 11**

Rep. Richard Brown (D-Canal Winchester) fundraiser, The Paddock Club, 1005 Richardson Rd., Groveport, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor Levels: Sponsor \$250, Host \$100, Guest \$50 to Citizens for Richard Brown)

### **Thursday, July 12**

Rep. Hearcel Craig (D-Columbus) fundraiser, Crest Gastropub, 621 Parsons Ave., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Host \$500, Friend \$250, Supporter \$150; Guest \$69 to Friends of Hearcel F. Craig)

### **Monday, July 16**

Rep. Bill Relneke (R-Tiffin) golf outing fundraiser, Mohawk Golf Course, 4399 OH-231, Tiffin, 8:30 a.m., (8:30 am registration; 10 am shotgun)

### **Tuesday, July 17**

Republican Senate Campaign Committee MLB All-Star Game fundraiser, Dock 79, 79 Potomac Ave SE, Washington DC, 5 p.m., (Walk Off: \$5,000 | Grand Slam: \$2,500 | Home Run: \$1,000 to RSCC)

### **Thursday, July 19**

ALEC Annual Meeting, Denver

Sen. Stephanie Kunze (R-Hilliard) manicure fundraiser, W Nail Bar, 946 N. High Street, Columbus, 4 p.m., (PAC: \$500 | Individual: \$250 | Young Professional: \$50 to Citizens for Stephanie Kunze. RSVP is required to ensure appointment.)

Sen. Matt Dolan (R-Chagrin Falls) Batter Up fundraiser, Progressive Field, 2401 Ontario Street, Cleveland, 4 p.m., (4:00pm Warm Up & Batting | 5:30pm Reception. Grand Slam: \$5,000 | Home Run: \$2,500 | Single: \$1,000 | Spectator: \$150 to Friends of Matt Dolan)

## **Friday, July 20**

### **ALEC Annual Meeting, Denver**

Rep. Tom Patton (R-Strongsville) golf outing fundraiser, Mallard Creek Golf Club, 34500 Royalton Road (SR 82), Columbia Station, 10 a.m., (10:00 am Shotgun start; Tournament: \$2,000, Eagle: \$1,000; Foursome: \$600, Birdie:\$5000; Person: \$150 to Friends of Tom Patton)

## **Saturday, July 21**

### **ALEC Annual Meeting, Denver**

## **Sunday, July 22**

### **YMCA Youth & Government Leaders Training School, Statehouse, Columbus**

## **Monday, July 23**

### **YMCA Youth & Government Leaders Training School, Statehouse, Columbus**

Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima) golf outing fundraiser, Hidden Creek Golf Club, 6245 Sugar Creek Road, Lima, 9 a.m., (9:00am Registration | 10:00am Shotgun Start. Event Sponsor: \$1,000 | Foursome: \$400 | Tee or Green Sponsor: \$200 | Individual Golfer: \$100 to Huffman for Ohio)

## **Tuesday, July 24**

### **YMCA Youth & Government Leaders Training School, Statehouse, Columbus**

Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) fundraiser, Gresso's, 961 S. High St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (Gold: \$2,000; Silver: \$1,000; Bronze: \$500 to Seitz for Ohio)

## **Wednesday, July 25**

### **YMCA Youth & Government Leaders Training School, Statehouse, Columbus**

Sen. Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) golf outing fundraiser, Eagle Rock Golf Club, 211 Carpenter Road, Defiance, 11 a.m., (11:00am Registration and Lunch | 12:00pm Shotgun Start | 5:30pm Cocktail Hour | 6:00pm Dinner with State Rep. Craig Riedel. Event Sponsor: \$2,500 | Tee Sponsor: \$1,000 | Green Sponsor: \$500 | Foursome: \$400 | Dinner Sponsor: \$250 | Individual Golfer: \$100 to Citizens for McColley)

## **Thursday, July 26**

### **YMCA Youth & Government Leaders Training School, Statehouse, Columbus**

Rep. Craig Riedel (R-Defiance) golf outing fundraiser, Eagle Rock Golf Club, 211 Carpenter Rd., Defiance, 9:30 a.m., (9:30 Shotgun Start. Event:\$2,500, Tee:\$1,000, Green:\$500, Foursome:\$400, Golfer: \$100 to Citizens to Elect Craig Riedel)  
Rep. Bill Blessing (R-Cincinnati) fundraiser, Via Vite, 520 Vine St., Cincinnati, 11:30 a.m., (Sponsor: \$1,000, Host: \$500, Guest: \$250 to Citizens for Blessing)

**Friday, July 27**

**YMCA Youth & Government Leaders Training School, Statehouse, Columbus**

**Monday, July 30**

**NCSL Legislative Summit, Los Angeles**

**Tuesday, July 31**

**NCSL Legislative Summit, Los Angeles**

**Deadline to file semi-annual campaign finance reports**

**Wednesday, August 1**

**NCSL Legislative Summit, Los Angeles**

**Rep. Riordan McClain (R-Upper Sandusky) golf outing fundraisesr**

**Thursday, August 2**

**NCSL Legislative Summit, Los Angeles**

**Rep. Anne Gonzales (R-Westerville) Lake Erie fundraiser, Dock's Beach House,  
252 W. Lakeshore Drive, Port Clinton, 4 p.m., (Sponsor: \$2,500 | Host: \$1,000 |  
Guest: \$500 to Citizens for Anne Gonzales)**

**Friday, August 3**

**Deadline for statewide candidates to file July campaign finance reports**

**Speaker Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) golf outing fundraiser, Cliffside Golf, 100 Cliffside  
Drive, Gallipolis, 9 a.m., (Coffee/Registration: 9:00am; Shotgun Start: 10:00am;  
Event Chair: \$12,707.79; Event host: \$5,000; Event sponsor: \$2,500; Tee Sponsor:  
\$1,000; Foursome: \$500; Individual Golfer: \$150; Reception only: \$75 to Friends of  
Ryan Smith)**

**Sen. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland) fundraiser, FOP Hall, 2249 Payne Ave.,  
Cleveland, 5 p.m., (\$200 (table); \$20 (friend) to Friends of Sandra Williams)**

**Tuesday, August 7**

**Special election for 12th Congressional District seat**

**Rep. Laura Lanese (R-Grove City) fundraiser, Condado, 132 S. High St., Columbus,  
11:30 a.m., (Host: \$1,000, Sponsor: \$500, Patron: \$350 to Lanese for Ohio)**

**Wednesday, August 15**

**Rep. Theresa Gavarone (R-Bowling Green) golf outing fundraiser**

**Thursday, August 16**

**Sen. Bob Hackett (R-London) golf outing fundraiser**

**Friday, August 17**

**Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) Fly Fishing fundraiser**

**Monday, August 20**

**Rep. Laura Lanese (R-Grove City) golf outing fundraiser, Pinnacle Golf Club, 1500 Pinnacle Golf Club Dr., Grove City, 10 a.m., (10:00 am Registration, 11:00 am Shotgun start, Dinner to follow; Event:\$1,500, Food and Beverage: \$700, Golfer: \$150; Hole: \$100 to Lanese for Ohio)**

**Thursday, August 23**

**Hamilton County GOP State Legislative golf outing fundraiser**

**Monday, August 27**

**Rep. Scott Ryan (R-Newark) golf outing fundraiser, Denison Golf Club, 555 Newark Granville Rd., Granville, 9 a.m., (9:00 am Registration, 10:00 am Shotgun Start. Event: \$2500; Food and Beverage: \$1000; Tee: \$750; Foursome: \$500; Golfer: \$125; Green: \$100 to Citizens for Scott Ryan)**

**Saturday, September 1**

**Lobbyists/Employers can begin filing May-August 2018 Activity & Expenditure Reports**

**Thursday, September 6**

**Deadline for statewide candidates to file August campaign finance reports  
Rep. Rick Carfagna (R-Westerville) golf outing fundraiser**

**Friday, September 14**

**Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-Westlake) golf outing fundraiser, Springdale Golf Course, 5871 Canterbury Road, North Olmstead, 9 a.m., (9:00 am Shotgun Start, Lunch at the Turn, Dinner to follow; Dinner Sponsor: \$1,500, Lunch Sponsor: \$1,000, Drink Sponsor: \$750, Hole Sponsor: \$100; Foursome: \$500, Single Golfer: \$125, Dinner only: \$60 to Friends of Dave Greenspan)**

**Thursday, September 27**

**Sen. President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) shotgun fundraiser**

**Friday, September 28**

**Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-Westlake) golf outing fundraiser  
Sen. Joe Uecker (R-Loveland) Day at the Races fundraiser**

**Monday, October 1**

**JLEC Deadline for filing May-August 2018 Activity & Expenditure Report**

**Wednesday, October 3**

**Deadline for statewide candidates to file September campaign finance reports**

**Thursday, October 25**

**Deadline to file pre-general campaign finance reports**

**Tuesday, November 6**

**General election day**

**Thursday, November 8**

**2018 Impact Ohio Post Election Conference, Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St., Columbus**

**Saturday, December 1**

**Lobbyists can begin renewing Legislative, Executive and Retirement System registrations for 2019**

**Friday, December 14**

**Deadline to file post-general campaign finance reports**

**Monday, December 31**

**All 2018 Legislative, Executive and Retirement System lobbying registrations expire in OLAC**

**Thursday, January 31**

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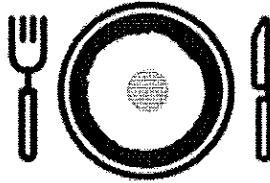
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*Stateline*

Unplugged wells can leak explosive gas into neighborhoods and leach toxins into groundwater.

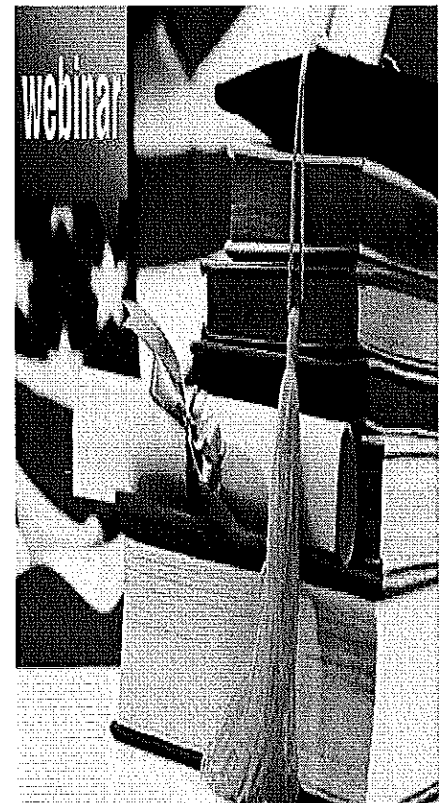
### At state level, GOP renews push for 'supermajority' for tax hikes

*The Washington Post*

Florida Republicans are pursuing a plan to make it harder for lawmakers to raise taxes in the state, adding new hurdles for Democrats hoping to enact bold social programs such as "Medicare for all" and more robust education spending. **NCSL research cited.**

### Insurers warn of rising premiums after Trump axes Obamacare payments again

*Reuters*



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Health insurers warned that a move by the Trump administration on Saturday to temporarily suspend a program that was set to pay out \$10.4 billion to insurers for covering high-risk individuals last year could drive up premium costs and create marketplace uncertainty. [NCSL resources on health insurances premiums and increases.](#)

### **North Dakota measure would ban noncitizen voting**

*Associated Press*

Backers of a measure to change the North Dakota Constitution to explicitly bar non-U.S. citizens from voting say they have gathered enough signatures to get it on the November ballot. **NCSL research cited.**

### **Delaware lawmakers approve bill to prohibit pharmacist 'gag clauses'**

*Delaware Public Media*

Pharmacy Benefits Managers (PBMs), third-party administrators of prescription drug programs for health insurance plans, sometimes forbid pharmacists from telling customers about cheaper therapeutic alternatives, or disclosing when a drug might be cheaper when paid for out-of-pocket, rather than through insurance. **NCSL data cited.** [NCSL resources on 'gag clauses'.](#)

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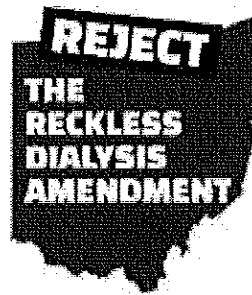
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## **Ohio Kidney Patient, Healthcare Groups Unite Against Reckless Dialysis Amendment**

(COLUMBUS) – Ohioans Against the Reckless Dialysis Amendment, a broad coalition of leading kidney care organizations, nurses, physicians and patient advocates, today announced its opposition to a proposed Constitutional Amendment that threatens to reduce access to Ohio's 326 out-patient dialysis clinics for the 18,000 Ohioans suffering from kidney failure.

Dialysis providers are among the most regulated healthcare provider groups in the country. All out-patient clinics are licensed by the Ohio Department of Health, certified by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and highly regulated under current state and federal laws and regulations. Current laws and regulations address, among other things, patient safety; environmental cleanliness; infection prevention and control; emergency preparedness; staff training and continuing education; and water system and equipment maintenance. Clinics must also submit to unannounced quality assessments and inspections by the Ohio Department of Health.

"The proposed amendment was written by a California-based special interest group with no experience in dialysis care and – without any evidence of a problem – would recklessly lock dangerous, arbitrary rules into the Ohio Constitution, threatening access to high-quality care for thousands of Ohioans," said Diane Wish, co-founder and

president of the Ohio Renal Association (ORA). “What’s worse, the amendment calls for rebates that will end up in the pockets of insurance companies, not patients.”

Wish, a registered nurse with more than 40 years of experience in providing dialysis treatment, is joined by other kidney care experts and physicians in opposition to the proposed amendment initiated by the California-based SEIU-UHW West.

“I’ve seen first-hand the devastating health consequences my dialysis patients face without proper access to care,” said Dr. Henry Wehrum, a nephrologist (kidney specialist) with nearly 30 years of experience in the field, who also serves on the board of the Ohio Osteopathic Association (OOA). “The Ohio Constitution is simply not the place for complicated healthcare policy. And because it’s written as a Constitutional Amendment, when things go wrong it can only be changed by another Constitutional Amendment – that’s not a risk I’m willing to take on behalf of my patients.”

Michael Needham, president and CEO of the Kidney Foundation of Ohio (KFO) added, “the Kidney Foundation of Ohio opposes the amendment because it will harm patients, not help them. The Amendment threatens to reduce the number of centers available to Ohioans, which would be especially harmful to vulnerable patients.” The Kidney Foundation of Ohio is a patient advocacy group that has been providing a broad-based program of direct assistance to those with kidney disease since 1950.

To date, the organizations opposing the amendment include:

- Academy of Medicine of Cleveland and Northern Ohio
- Chronic Disease Coalition
- Diabetes Dayton
- Dialysis Patient Citizens
- Global Healthy Living Foundation
- Kidney Care Council
- Kidney Care Partners
- Kidney Foundation of Ohio
- National Renal Administrators Association
- Nonprofit Kidney Care Alliance
- Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
- Ohio Osteopathic Association
- Ohio Renal Association

- Ohio Sickle Cell and Health Association
- Ohio State Medical Association
- Renal Physicians Association
- Renal Support Network

Based on campaign finance filings, the California-based SEIU is believed to have hired hundreds of paid petition circulators, many from out-of-state, to gather signatures from Ohio voters. On Wednesday, July 4, the group submitted signatures to the Ohio Secretary of State in an attempt to qualify the issue for the November 6 Ohio statewide ballot. The petitions and signatures are now under review by elections officials.

“The SEIU has a long history of abusing the ballot issue process to advance its own political agenda,” said coalition spokesperson Gene Pierce. “That its amendment would actually harm Ohio dialysis patients comes as no surprise to those familiar with the SEIU’s strong-arm tactics.”

Among the proposed Constitutional mandates are provisions directing the Ohio Department of Health to establish arbitrary revenue limits for Ohio clinics and require rebates to private health insurance companies should revenues exceed those arbitrary limits. The amendment excludes Medicare, Medicaid and other government payers — which cover nearly 90 percent of dialysis patients in Ohio — from receiving rebates, leaving only private health insurance companies able to receive them. The amendment does not require insurance companies to pass on any savings to patients.

Coalition members are concerned that arbitrary revenue limits will force some dialysis providers to consolidate operations or close locations, reducing access to critical dialysis care — particularly for patients in rural, urban, and underserved areas.

The non-partisan coalition is planning a statewide campaign to educate Ohio voters on the ballot issue’s dangerous consequences, should the issue be placed on the ballot.

The estimated 18,000 Ohioans suffering from end stage renal disease (ESRD) typically receive life-preserving dialysis treatments in a clinic three times a week, with each visit taking three to four hours. According to national research, missing even one dialysis treatment increases a patient’s risk of death by 30 per cent. Find more information on ESRD in Ohio [here](#).



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**Lending Bill Passes Divided Senate, Awaits Final Action By House**

A contentious proposal to overhaul the state's short-term lending laws passed the Senate Tuesday despite a divided Republican majority.

The chamber voted 21-9 in favor of the measure (HB 123), with the opposition coming from Republican members concerned the measure would go too far in pushing lenders out of the industry and limiting access to credit.

The passage is a major step in the long journey of the legislation, which passed the House in June and went through seven sometimes heated hearings in the Senate Finance Committee.

That committee reported the measure earlier in the day Tuesday after accepting one amendment and rejecting several others. This came a day after it went through significant changes in a substitute version designed to make it easier for lenders to stay in business. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, July 9, 2018)

It now heads back to the House for that chamber's consideration of the Senate changes. The House has a pair of "if-needed" session days scheduled for September, with the other scheduled sessions set for after the November election. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 28, 2018)

Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said after the vote that he thought the measure would help provide consumer protections while still allowing people to access credit.

"I don't think people should be trapped in a debt spiral that they can't get out of. I think we all agree with that," he said. "I think the question for the people who may have voted differently is what's the right amount of involvement there to provide consumer protections but maintain credit, and I think we ended up there."

Sen. Scott Oelslager (R-N. Canton), chairman of the Finance Committee, which reviewed and updated the measure, said he felt it was a "balanced bill" and dismissed concerns no lenders would offer loans in the state.

"As long as there is a need and money to be made, there will be a lender who will be competitive and profitable," he said after the session.

Several senators spoke against the bill ahead of the vote.

"Flat out, it's just a bad idea," said Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.).

He said there will always be a need for short-term loans, and that the measure doesn't address that, but only serves to push out one option currently available to borrowers.

"You're not helping anyone, because you're not dealing with the fundamental demand," he said.

Sen. Lou Terhar (R-Cincinnati) said it would make it difficult for anyone with a credit score below about 600 to receive credit of any kind. He also said the prohibition on auto title loans will further reduce the ability for some people without lots of assets to borrow.

"If they have an economic asset, should they not have the choice to use that as collateral in a loan?" he said. "To effectively ban a way for somebody to use that asset violates the basic doctrine we've all been taught since we were children."

Some senators raised concerns with a provision that caps payments for loans up to 90 days at 6% of the borrower's gross monthly income, effectively setting income limits for who can obtain loans for those short terms.

"If you do the arithmetic, a loan under the bill that is paid over the course of four months will, at the end of the day, cost a heck of a lot more to the consumer than the 30-day loan will cost," Sen. John Eklund (R-Chardon) said.

Sen. Dave Burke (R-Marysville) pushed back, saying longer-term loans give borrowers more ability to pay them back than a series of escalating 30-day loans.

"I support this bill not because it is perfect, but because it is good," he said. "Lower interest rates on the poor is a good direction to go. Lower fees on the poor is a good direction to go."

Sen. Vernon Sykes (D-Akron) said the legislation is long-needed to fix a loophole left in the 2008 law to regulate payday lenders.

"All that we did in 2008 didn't help anybody," he said. "But the reason it didn't help anybody is that they found a loophole and then they didn't have to follow those regulations. They've been gouging Ohioans ever since."

"What we have before us is an elimination of the loophole, and we are making the loans more affordable," he added.

Joining Sen. Coley, Sen. Terhar and Sen. Eklund in opposition were Sen. Bob Hackett (R-London), Sen. Frank Hoagland (R-Adena), Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima), Sen. Kris Jordan (R-Ostrander), Sen. Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) and Sen. Joe Uecker (R-Loveland).

Three members, Sen. Stephanie Kunze (R-Hilliard), Sen. Edna Brown (D-Toledo) and Sen. Michael Skindell (D-Lakewood), were absent.

The passage drew praise from advocates who had pushed for the measure, including the Pew Charitable Trusts.

"The measure passed in the Senate today is a thoughtful, bipartisan, and fair compromise that builds upon the framework of the House bill," Nick Bourke, director of consumer finance for Pew, said in a statement. "The Senate version provides lenders with more revenue than under the House's measure while maintaining strong consumer protections that would end practices that harm Ohio families."

The Ohio Consumer Lenders Association, meanwhile, blasted the vote.

"Today was a loss for the consumers of Ohio and the more than 1 million Ohioans who use short term loan products every year," spokesman Pat Crowley said in a statement. "The passing of HB 123 - motivated and manipulated by a Washington-based advocacy group that is pushing its agenda of how Ohio consumers should borrow money. The biggest losers are the constituents who now have fewer options for access to cash in the event of a financial emergency. Idealism won today; the consumers of Ohio lost."

**Committee Action:** The committee reported the measure 10-2, with Sens. Coley and Eklund in opposition. Before the report, the panel accepted an amendment Sen. Oelslager said would allow lenders to operate online as long as they follow the regulations of the Short Term Loan Act.

The panel tabled a series of amendments offered by Sen. Coley, including one modifying the 60% fee cap, one moving the payment cap for loans under three months from 6% of a borrower's gross monthly income to 25%, one making changes to the monthly maintenance fee and one modifying allowable loan origination fees.

Much of the discussion in committee focused on the differences between the substitute version and Colorado's law.

Ted Saunders, president of the Ohio Consumer Lenders Association, presented charts showing the difference in fees and APR for loans between Colorado and the substitute version.

"The vast majority of loans that are made in Colorado would not be possible under the sub bill proposed yesterday," he said.

He said he has long supported rate caps for the industry, which would keep bad actors who charge the highest fees out.

Sen. Oelslager asked why the industry didn't come forward and ask for rate caps in the 10 years since the previous law went into effect.

"Why didn't you come forward then?" he asked. "If you had taken a proactive role, you might not be standing here today."

Mr. Saunders said the industry formed the OCLA to spread best practices, and that they worked with legislators in the House and the Senate to try to include a structure they would prefer.

Another issue Mr. Saunders focused on is the measure's limitation on loans that can be made for 90 days or less. He said the income restrictions will keep Ohioans with average incomes from being able to access loans for terms shorter than three months. Lenders could offer them four-month loans, but that would entail higher rates.

Sen. Burke asked if the legislation would prevent borrowers from paying back loans early and avoiding most of the fees.

"That incentive would certainly be in the consumer's best interest," he said.

Mr. Saunders said nothing would prevent that, but that most borrowers are likely to stick to the terms of the contract.

Mr. Bourke also testified on the differences between Colorado and the proposed Ohio law, and said most loans in Colorado are paid back early.

Part of that is because Colorado's law structures fees so that there is no monthly maintenance fee for the first 60 days, so loans paid back in full before then are cheaper, he said.

The Ohio proposal would provide lenders with more revenue in those cases, he said.

"The lenders under sub HB123 get access to that monthly maintenance fee from day one," Mr. Bourke said.

Another lender, Cheney Pruett, founder and CEO of CashMax, detailed his business operations and said he wouldn't be able to operate under it.

"I'm out of business and almost all others like me in the state will be as well," he said.

Consumers, then, would move to other options, including not paying bills, overdrafting accounts or turning to online lenders, he said.

"I think my customers should have the right to choose for themselves," he said.

### **Public Notice Changes Among Other Measures To Pass Senate**

The Senate returned to work Tuesday for a rare summer session primarily to tackle short-term lending but passed a few unrelated bills while they were at it.

Measures dealing with local governments' use of mail for official documents, the POW/MIA flag and shoreline improvements all cleared the chamber unanimously.

The session was the first available "if-needed" session for the summer, and the chamber took advantage of it to handle the lending proposal. (*See separate story*)

Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) reiterated that he has never intended to take the summer off, and that the chamber has three potential session dates set for September. An if-needed date is also scheduled for August. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 27, 2018)

The mail-related measure (HB 34) is designed to save money and increase efficiency for local entities by changing what is required to be sent by certified mail, said Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.).

It would allow local entities to send public notices by regular mail if they were also sent by email, he said.

"These are some great things that should improve notification for citizens and also save our local governments a lot of money," he said.

The measure also picked up an amendment in committee that would allow county prosecutors to represent port authorities, planning commissions and regional airports, he said.

Sen. Joe Uecker (R-Loveland) said the POW/MIA flag measure (HB 254) would designate certain state buildings to fly the flag on certain holidays, reflecting requirements in federal law.

"HB254 is an act to recognize the service of those individuals and to recognize that their sacrifice will never be forgotten," he said.

The proposal dealing with shoreline improvements (SB 51) would allow shoreline improvements as part of a special improvement district. Sponsor Sen. John Eklund (R-Chardon) said it would include specific requirements for the projects, including that they would need 100% support among residents.

Levies could be assessed for up to 30 years, and the projects would be designed to reduce shoreline erosion, he said.

Projects would be required to comply with zoning and environmental and coastal management laws and rules, he said.

Sen. Sean O'Brien (D-Bazetta) said the ability to fund the projects through this mechanism can help preserve a vital resource.

"We have a lot of work to do there, and this is a step in the right direction that will help abate that problem," he said.

## **Ed Board Boosts Third-Grade Reading Benchmark**

The State Board of Education on Tuesday approved an increase to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee promotion score after rejecting a committee proposal to hike the new standard beyond the Department of Education's recommendation.

The full panel voted 16-0 to increase the score students need to achieve on the Ohio State Test for third grade English and language arts from 672 to 677 for the 2018-19 school year, as recommended by ODE. The move came after the board voted 9-7 to reject a resolution recommended earlier in the day by the Achievement and Graduation Requirements Committee to set the necessary score at 682.

That committee advanced the higher of the two proposed benchmarks by a 4-2 vote, with District 4 board member Pat Bruns and at-large board member Cathye Flory siding against the 682 benchmark.

At-large board member Kara Morgan, who advocated for the higher of the two standards in committee, said the state annually requires the board to re-evaluate and increase the benchmark until it eventually reaches 700, which represents proficiency. While she conceded making the jump to 700 immediately "would be a shock to the system that might not be the best thing for the students," she added that she thinks the state and districts have enough resources in place to deal with the change to 682.

"I just think that it's time to push forward with the pace," she said, adding that the board could move forward with a smaller increase next year if this year's increase proves too taxing for districts.

Ms. Bruns and Ms. Flory both said they could not support the change to 682 without conducting additional conversations with their constituents. The committee last month delayed its vote on the recommendation to give its members more time to discuss the change to 677 with local school district officials. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 12, 2018)

District 11 board member Meryl Johnson was among the nine members who sided against the higher of the two possible increases when the measure came to the full board for a vote. She said she felt raising the promotion score too drastically could lead to a financial strain on districts that could be forced to devote more staff time and other resources to intervention efforts with students who fall short of the standard.

"This is an unfunded mandate," she said.

Other board members argued raising the score more sharply could benefit local school districts.

Sarah Fowler, who represents District 7, said the state board is drawing out the legally required process of getting to the score of 700, which leads to more year-to-year uncertainty for school districts.

"If we're going to give the districts the stability that they've asked for, we have to get to proficient," she said.

District 10 board member Nick Owens said he also feels it's time for the state to "speed it up" in terms of expectations for school districts.

"I don't want us to be on a 10-year quest or a 28-year quest," he said of the mandate to eventually hike the score at 700.

After the board rejected the committee's recommendation, it moved to reconsider the resolution and accepted an amendment to move forward with the score of 677. Ms. Fowler cast the lone vote against the change before the board unanimously approved of the legislation.

In other action, the board unanimously voted to delay the implementation of overall grades for career and technical schools on state report cards for a year, adopt 2018 standards for principals and approve the transfer of territory from the Milford Exempted Village School District to the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District.

### **Gubernatorial Hopefuls Address Infrastructure, Transportation Plans**

Both Mike DeWine and Richard Cordray on Tuesday promised if elected governor to empower local communities to help guide their administration's approach to infrastructure, workforce development and other pressing local issues.

Their remarks were delivered at a downtown Columbus hotel and directed at attendees of an Ohio Association of Regional Councils conference. There the pair addressed the audience in separate Q&A sessions on how they'd grapple with aging roads and bridges, inadequate mass transit and other challenges.

The two candidates overall stuck to the issues at hand but did make time to trade a few barbs on the ongoing Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow controversy and on where blame should lie for the opioid epidemic.

Regarding infrastructure, the two candidates laid out differing plans, but neither confirmed whether they would support potential revenue streams including indexing the motor fuel tax to the Consumer Price Index or increasing the use of tolls.

Attorney General DeWine said one of his first acts in the governor's seat would be to create a blue-ribbon commission to examine those and other funding ideas.

"We will put citizens on there," the Republican said. "We will put experts on there. I will give them a very short period of time to come back and give a report about the status of our infrastructure. Once that has come back we need to have that candid discussion. What a governor owes the state is honesty, a candid discussion about exactly where we are."



Mr. Cordray was unimpressed.

"A blue-ribbon commission is often an excuse for not being ready to lead or not being ready to set a direction for the state," the Democrat said. "I think if you're running for governor of the state you bear a responsibility to set a direction and I've made my commitment and I will follow through on it."

Mr. Cordray's commitment entails a "significant" bond issue that he believes voters would support thanks to their frustration with inaction from leaders in Washington and Ohio. He declined to specify the exact size of the bond issue he would put forth.

"I'll go to the people and make the case and I believe they'll support that because they'll understand long-term financing is suitable to a long-term investment of this kind and they'll want to know we're doing something to improve our roads and bridges and get broadband across the state," he said.

Other pressing issues addressed by the duo included:

**Opioids:** Mr. Cordray continued laying some of the blame for the growth of the epidemic at Mr. DeWine's feet - a charge Mr. DeWine staunchly denied.

"When you hold public office you bear responsibility and if you're not prepared to bear responsibility you shouldn't hold public office," Mr. Cordray said. "On his watch the opioid deaths tripled in Ohio. That's a fact. There's no wishing that away."

Mr. DeWine called it "absurd" to blame him for the growth of the opioid epidemic and said his opponent has his work cut out for him if he plans to convince Ohioans that's the case.

"I don't think anybody thinks I'm to blame for the drug problem," Mr. DeWine said. "I think the real question is who has taken action? I have taken action. We have a 14-point plan. Cordray has no plan."

The Republican candidate stressed prevention starting as early as kindergarten and said he would double the number of attorney general task forces dedicated to the issue if elected. He also said he intends to ensure his first state budget includes an infusion of dollars to support anti-opioid efforts targeted at children.

"While we cannot project next year's budget or what will be available, one thing I will commit to is there will be significantly more money for every county in the state regarding children's services," he said.

**Workforce Development:** Mr. DeWine called for a cultural shift by renewing the emphasis on trade schools rather than funneling all students toward traditional colleges. He also stressed the early childhood education plan he rolled out last month as one solution. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 28, 2018)

"There is no magic solution," Mr. DeWine said. "I think a governor can impact the culture... (and) has the best ability to talk to people in the state than anybody else does."

Mr. Cordray said he agrees with some of those points, but additionally expressed a desire to expand childcare options for working parents, provide additional support for community colleges, and establish universal preschool.

"It is not a looming economic problem for Ohio," he said. "I think it is a current economic problem for Ohio."

**Transportation Technology:** Both men expressed a desire to ensure Ohio remains at the vanguard of technological advancements in this area.

Mr. Cordray specifically said he wants to ensure the state deploys the same technology, where applicable, in both urban and rural areas.

And Mr. DeWine called advancements "exciting," adding that "quite candidly, we're either going to adapt and move forward or we're going to get left behind."

**ECOT:** Mr. DeWine defended his legal work as his office attempts to reclaim funding from the shuttered Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow and its founders. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, July 5, 2018)

"Other people have talked, we've taken action," Mr. DeWine said. "We're using every single tool that we can to recover taxpayers' money from Bill Lager, and anyone else who benefited. ... We will not stop until we have done absolutely everything we can."

But Mr. Cordray said his administration would be more aggressive in pursuing accountability in such cases. He and Democrats have criticized Mr. DeWine for not acting against ECOT sooner.

"We need a state government that is willing to hold people accountable and willing to separate what's working and what's not," Mr. Cordray said.

**Other Issues:** Although both men received mostly the same questions, there were a few differences. Mr. DeWine was quizzed on how he'd tackle agricultural runoff fueling harmful algal blooms.

Without sharing details, Mr. DeWine said he wants a science-based approach fashioned with input from all sides of the issue.

"We're going to be reaching out to the experts in this area," Mr. DeWine said. "I don't have all the answers sitting up here but my commitment is...what we do will be scientific-based, but I will lead in this area. It certainly appears that what we are doing is not getting it done."

And Mr. Cordray received a query about JobsOhio - the quasi-public agency that has drawn criticism for its lack of transparency in economic development dealings.

Mr. Cordray said overall that JobsOhio has an important mission that should be furthered and that the entity is a "very powerful and flexible tool" he could utilize as governor.

"But I do want it to be transparent so we know what's happening with it," he said. "And the collaboration with local (governments) and councils of your kind possibly could be improved, but I do think that's a tool I'll be interested to work with."

**Supreme Court Pick:** Lastly, both men sounded off on President Trump's selection of D.C. Court of Appeals Judge Brett Kavanaugh for the upcoming Supreme Court vacancy. (*See separate story*)

"I'm very excited about this nomination," Mr. DeWine said. "The president of the United States continues to be consistent in putting people on the federal bench who are conservatives and constructionists. Kavanaugh is extremely well qualified for this job. I support him and look forward to seeing him on the court."

Mr. Cordray was less enthusiastic about the selection, saying that it "underscores the critical need for Ohioans to have...a governor who will stand on their side and fight back against attempts to undermine our rights."

Mr. Cordray previously received campaign contributions from Judge Kavanaugh as both worked as clerks for retiring U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy. Mr. DeWine's campaign seized on that fact in an effort to paint the candidate as a hypocrite.

But Mr. Cordray said his past with the SCOTUS candidate is no different than with any other attorney or judge he's crossed paths with throughout his work experience.

"I've had various dealings with a lot of lawyers and judges over the years," Mr. Cordray said. "I have relationships with a lot of people who have argued and spent time with the Supreme Court from clerking there and arguing the cases I've argued there over the years."

### **Panel Suggests Revisions To State Report Cards**

A State Board of Education working group's initial recommendations for changes to state report cards for school districts include moving away from letter grades and eliminating or revising the K-3 literacy category.

The full board Tuesday reviewed and discussed the changes suggested by the working group, which is set to reconvene in October to analyze report cards for the 2017-18 school year and consider additional recommendations. The group features members of the board's Accountability and Continuous Improvement Committee, along with representatives from outside education groups, including the Buckeye Association of

School Administrators, the Ohio Education Association, the Ohio PTA and the Ohio School Boards Association, among others.

The group's draft report calls the K-3 Literacy category on the existing report card "misleading" and recommends the legislature eliminate it or replace it with a category named "promotion rate," which measures the percentage of students meeting Third-Grade Reading Guarantee requirements for advancement to fourth grade. If the K-3 Literacy measure remains, the group requests the state rename it to better reflect what it is measuring.

"Report card users think it is a measure (of) literacy performance for all K-3 students when in fact it is a complicated portrayal of efforts to improve outcomes for struggling readers," the report states. "Some schools may have a small number of students struggling with literacy, while the vast majority of students are succeeding - but the current measure only reflects the struggling students."

The report also recommends the legislature eliminate the Indicators Met category as a graded measure and rely on districts' Performance Index scores to measure achievement. The report states the Indicators Met measure has "inherent weaknesses" because it does not "differentiate between schools that are close to meeting or far from meeting a target."

On the topic of letter grades, the report recommends they be replaced with "descriptive labels" such as "Does Not Meet Standards" and "Meets Standards," although it notes the group intends to discuss the idea in greater detail when it reconvenes in October.

Among the other topics set for further consideration this fall include how the report card can better represent value added, or the amount a student or group of students progresses in a year.

Nancy Hollister, the board's vice president, stressed the preliminary nature of the report, which has not been voted on by the full board.

"This is a list of recommendations," she said. "This is the beginning of a subject that needs to be discussed. This is not an end-all."

The board's effort to suggest revisions to the report card comes amid Rep. Mike Duffey's (R-Worthington) ongoing push for a measure (HB 591) to overhaul the state's system for evaluating school districts. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 23, 2018)

The lawmaker said he later would author a full review of the group's draft report, but offered initial suggestions to the board Tuesday.

Instead of suggestions for individual categories, Rep. Duffey said he encouraged the group to take a holistic approach in its recommendations for updating the report card system. He also expressed concern because the full board is not expected to vote on the group's recommendations until the fall or winter.

"It may be too late to have much of an impact on the current legislative process," he said.

District 5 Board member Lisa Woods said she was appreciative of the panel's work, but disappointed with its pace.

"I wish we would have gone a little faster and a little deeper and actually had some effect on this coming report card," she said.

District 11 board member Meryl Johnson said she's glad the working group is taking a "deep dive at a very complicated issue"

She said she thinks the existing report card system can lead to unfair consequences for certain districts, including state takeovers.

"When you have an unreliable measure that's being used to disenfranchise a community, that's a problem," she said.

Rep. Duffey said certain categories on the existing report card can better reflect a district's wealth rather than the work of its educators, something he is hoping to correct with his legislation.

### **High Court: Class Action BWC Suit Seeks Legal Relief, Filed In Wrong Court**

A class action lawsuit against the Bureau of Workers' Compensation over administration fees collected by a third party must be filed in the Court of Claims, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled Tuesday.

Writing for the majority, Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor found that the lawsuit was improperly filed in common pleas court because it seeks a form of legal relief rather than equitable relief.

The case stems from a 2010 lawsuit filed by Michael Cirino in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court seeking to recoup administrative fees collected by JP Morgan Chase, the court's media arm reported.

Mr. Cirino argued that a 2006 law that paved the way for BWC payments through debit cards required the agency to cover all administrative costs.

However, Mr. Cirino said he incurred several \$5 fees by accessing his bimonthly payments while visiting a bank teller.

After consulting with a lawyer, he filed the class action lawsuit arguing that it is injured workers that are paying the administrative cost despite the 2006 law.

The BWC sought to dismiss the case, contending Mr. Cirino was seeking legal relief. But the trial court and the Eighth District Court of Appeals disagreed.

"The crux of the claim is therefore that the bureau has improperly allowed benefit recipients to be harmed by fees charged by Chase and that the proper relief is to have the bureau pay money to compensate for that loss," Chief Justice O'Connor wrote in overturning the lower court rulings. "The claim therefore seeks compensatory relief - a classic form of legal relief."

Mr. Cirino also unsuccessfully argued that the claim is equitable because Chase acts as the BWC's agent.

"Assuming without deciding that an agency relationship existed, neither Cirino nor the trial court nor the court of appeals has pointed to evidence that the bureau has the power in any such relationship to control the disposition of funds that have been charged by Chase as fees," Chief Justice O'Connor wrote. "The court of appeals and the trial court did not analyze this issue, and Cirino has disclaimed reliance on an agency argument altogether."

She was joined in her opinion by Justice Patrick Fischer and Justice Mary DeGenaro.

In a separate concurring opinion joined by Justice Sharon Kennedy and Justice Judith French, Justice Patrick DeWine found that the funds for which Mr. Cirino is seeking restitution are not held by the bureau.

"Here, the BWC disbursed the funds held for Cirino to the bank," he wrote. "After the specific funds to which Cirino claims he was entitled were transferred to Chase, the bank deducted the fees that are at issue in this lawsuit. Thus, any remedy due Cirino would be paid not from particular funds held by the BWC to which Cirino can trace entitlement, but from the BWC's funds generally."

In a dissenting opinion, Justice Terrence O'Donnell sided with Mr. Cirino.

"Because Cirino's claim seeks the full monthly benefit of his award, the administrative costs assessed by Chase are costs of administering the benefits program to be borne by the state," he wrote. "Thus, this is an equitable claim and therefore the common pleas court, not the Court of Claims, has jurisdiction in this case."

### **Kavanaugh Nomination Leads To Strong Reaction On Both Sides**

Ohio partisans quickly staked out their corners shortly after the president late Monday announced his latest nomination to the nation's highest court.

Those on the left warned in statements that President Donald Trump's selection of Brett Kavanaugh could spell the end of long-standing precedent such as *Roe v. Wade*. Those on the other side of the ideological divide hailed the D.C. Circuit Court judge as an

accomplished jurist that deserves a fair and thoughtful confirmation process in the U.S. Senate.

The political battle that has the potential to shift the court decidedly rightward for decades could play out for months as Mr. Kavanaugh, a staffer in the White House of President George W. Bush, left a lengthy paper trail for Democrats to sift through and scrutinize as they try to mount a daunting challenge to the nominee, one that could reshape midterm election contests across the country.

If confirmed, Mr. Kavanaugh would replace Justice Anthony Kennedy, long the "swing vote" on the court, who, after being nomination by President Ronald Reagan, voted with the liberal bloc on the court to uphold abortion rights and legalize same-sex marriage.

Left-leaning groups and Democrats were quick to emphasize those issues as possibly at stake, while conservative interests and Republicans largely avoided specific issues that could come before the court in the future.

One of the few exceptions was Ohio Right to Life, which said that it looks forward to *Roe* being overturned "so that Ohio can set its own pro-life policies."

"Kavanaugh has a proven judicial record that he will interpret the Constitution as written and will not be an activist justice," President Mike Gonidakis said. "We thank President Trump for holding to his promise that he would nominate pro-life Justices to the court."

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) was one of several individuals or groups on the right who avoided the issue of *Roe* and instead focused on the confirmation process.

"Judge Kavanaugh has an impressive background," he said. "He is highly regarded as a fair-minded and independent judge and is clearly qualified to serve on the Supreme Court. I look forward to meeting with him in the coming weeks as he goes through a fair and thorough evaluation process."

Americans for Prosperity-Ohio said its national group plans to commit seven figures to supporting Mr. Kavanaugh's confirmation.

"We hoped President Trump would nominate a judge in the likeness of Neal Gorsuch," the group said. "By nominating Judge Kavanaugh, he has kept his promise to select a jurist with an exemplary record of judicial restraint and a commitment to the Constitution, both of which are vital to serving on the highest court."

State Auditor Dave Yost and Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) both praised the nominee, saying he will not legislate from the bench.

"Predictability and stability need to be the hallmarks of the law," Mr. Yost said during a conference call with reporters.

Ohio Republican Party Chairman Jane Timken used the announcement to put U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Cleveland) on the spot.

"I urge Democrat Senator Sherrod Brown to learn from his previous mistake of obstructing Justice Neil Gorsuch's confirmation and respect the will of Ohio voters," she said.

Sen. Brown, one of several red state Democrats up for re-election who will face pressure to vote for the president's nominee, said he has "serious concerns" about recent decisions issued by Judge Kavanaugh, including those involving women's rights.

"I plan to review Judge Kavanaugh's record thoroughly and ask him tough questions face-to-face before I make my decision," he said. "I will not support any justice who would take rights away from Ohioans."

Planned Parenthood and NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio also raised the specter of *Roe* in blasting the nomination.

"President Trump promised to appoint justices that would overturn or gut *Roe v. Wade*," NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio Executive Director Kellie Copeland said. "Because this seat on the U.S Supreme Court is the difference between upholding *Roe* and criminalizing abortion and punishing women, the burden of proof must be on the Trump's nominee, Judge Brett Kavanaugh, to proactively prove he will preserve *Roe v. Wade* and not criminalize abortion."

Tyler Dillon, communications director at ProgressOhio, warned that the nomination puts gains made in health care and environmental issues at risk.

"Kavanaugh's nomination threatens affordable access to health care, places corporations above Americans in the eyes of our law, and could destroy protections for our clean air and water," he said.

The Ohio Democratic Party sought to capitalize on the nomination by asking for money.

"Trump's nomination of Brett Kavanaugh could give Republicans the vote they need to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, gut workers' rights and strip away the protections of the Affordable Care Act," it wrote in a fundraising email.

The Ohio Environmental Council characterized the choice as "reckless," saying Judge Kavanaugh will "work tirelessly to undo protections to keep our air, land, and water clean and safe."

### **Exelon Moves To Purchase FirstEnergy Solutions**

The financially troubled FirstEnergy Solutions has found a suitor in the way of Chicago-based Exelon, which is proposing to purchase the company currently seeking bankruptcy protection.



The tentative agreement, which has not yet been approved, is part of FES's ongoing case in U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

Documents filed Tuesday show Exelon is eyeing acquiring FES's wholesale and other commodity contracts for \$140 million in cash.

The prospective buyer has agreed to use "commercially reasonable efforts" to replace guarantees and credit support currently being provided by FirstEnergy in support of ongoing competitive retail businesses.

The filing before the Securities and Exchange Commission states the transaction is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2018. Either party can terminate the agreement should it fail to close by Dec. 31.

Neither company has commented on the potential deal, which must still be approved by the government.

FES filed for Chapter 11 protections in April in a long-expected move, with the company billing it as a major step in its strategy to exit the competitive generation business and become a fully regulated utility. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 2, 2018)

Since then, FES and its parent company, FirstEnergy, have continued to press Ohio lawmakers and the Trump Administration to enact new financial supports to maintain operation of its nuclear plants.

In Ohio that includes any of a trio of bills (SB 128, HB 178 & HB 381) to create a new zero-emissions credit program. Those proposals have gained little traction, however. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 23, 2018)

And at the federal level the requested assistance involves engagement of the Federal Power Act to preserve what the company calls vital resources. The move has drawn much opposition from stakeholder groups. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 1, 2018)

### **Renacci Pledges To Serve Two Terms; Dialysis Issue Gets Formal Opposition; Group Looks To Make It Easier To Opt-Out Of Unions...**

U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci (R-Alliance) vowed on Tuesday to serve just two six-year terms if he ousts Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Cleveland) in the fall.

"We have to make sure we get term limits established in Washington because the power base becomes so that people are not voting for their state anymore but they start voting for their leadership," he said during an event in Cincinnati, where he also committed to supporting a constitutional amendment to limit House members to three terms and members of the Senate to two terms.

Rep. Renacci also blasted Sen. Brown for his lengthy career in elected office. But the campaign of the Democrat fired back, with Preston Maddock, communications director, in a statement calling the pledge "worthless."

"He's already said he doesn't believe in term limits and, as a four-term congressman, he's in violation of this gimmick pledge," he said. "Instead of setting fake deadlines for his time in office, Ohio would be better off without Congressman Renacci's anti-worker, self-serving agenda in Congress at all."

In the race to build a campaign war chest, Sen. Brown is far outpacing his challenger, reporting raising \$3.7 million in the second quarter, giving him \$11.1 million on hand.

"Ohioans from across the state are committed to re-electing Sherrod so he can keep fighting for them in the Senate," Rachel Petri, a campaign spokeswoman, said in a statement. "They are volunteering their time, contributing what they can, and building a grassroots campaign to defeat the D.C. lobbyists and special interests that want to replace Sherrod with one of their own."

Rep. Renacci, meanwhile, reported raising more than \$2 million during the quarter. He did not reveal his total on hand.

"It's clear the people of Ohio are tired of career politician Sherrod Brown raising taxes, creating burdensome and unnecessary regulations that hurt Ohio small businesses, and failing to take care of our nation's veterans," he said.

**Formal Opposition:** The Kidney Dialysis Patient Protection Amendment has formal opposition. Nearly 20 groups, including the Ohio State Medical Association, have formed Ohioans Against the Reckless Dialysis Amendment.

Spokesman Gene Pierce in a statement accused the SEIU on Tuesday of having "a long history of abusing the ballot issue process to advance its own political agenda."

"That its amendment would actually harm Ohio dialysis patients comes as no surprise to those familiar with the SEIU's strong-arm tactics," he added.

SEIU spokesman Anthony Caldwell did not respond to a request for comment by publication time.

**Opt-Out:** The Buckeye Institute in the wake of the *Janus* decision has launched a website to help public sector union workers withdraw from their collective bargaining units.

The Workers Choose campaign will allow visitors to [WorkersChoose.org](http://WorkersChoose.org) to receive detailed information on opting out of their unions.

"For those workers who are happy to continue supporting their government unions, they also have the First Amendment right to maintain their membership in them," CEO and

President Robert Alt said in a statement. "The *Janus* decision is a win for all of our public workers, who are now respected and have a right to choose -- and those choices must be honored. I'm not sure how anyone could be opposed to letting workers decide for themselves."

**Voter Rolls:** A day after Secretary of State Jon Husted issued a series of directives to boards of election on purging voter rolls, one of the lawmakers who hopes to replace him continued to call on him to end the process of removing voters from the rolls due to non-voting.

"This sloppy and costly purge process uses flimsy guesswork to take away people's fundamental right to vote," Rep. Kathleen Clyde (D-Kent) said in a statement. "The secretary of state should stop this harmful and discriminatory use-it-or-lose-it voter purge."

Secretary Husted has repeatedly defended the process, saying it serves to reduce lines and confusion on Election Day and is a guard against voter fraud.

### **Governor's Appointments**

**Statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network Steering Committee:** Chief Mark L. Martin of Massillon (Stark Co.) for a term beginning July 10 and ending Dec. 31, 2020.

**Governor's Council on Juvenile Justice:** Jill N. Tayfel, MFCS, PCC-S of Brecksville (Cuyahoga Co.) was reappointed for a term beginning July 10 and ending Oct. 31, 2020.

**New Americans Advisory Committee:** Frederick Odame, MBA of Liberty Twp. (Hamilton Co.) for a term beginning July 10 and ending May 14, 2020.

**Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council:** Davin Marcum of Coal Grove (Lawrence Co.) and Renee M. Wood of Toledo (Lucas Co.) for terms beginning July 10 and ending March 14, 2021.

### **Supplemental Agency Calendar**

**Thursday, July 19**

~~Canceled: Statewide Independent Living Council, Embassy Suites Columbus Airport, 2886 Airport Dr., Columbus, 1 p.m.~~

### **Supplemental Event Planner**

**Wednesday, July 11**

Gov. John Kasich and OBM Director Tim Keen to announce fiscal year-end deposit to 'Rainy Day' fund., 34th Fl., 30 E. Broad St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

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## Senate Activity for Tuesday, July 10, 2018

### **PASSED**

**HB 34** ■ **PUBLIC NOTICES** (Hambley, S., Ryan, S.) To authorize certain state agencies, local governments, and other boards, commissions, and officers to deliver certain notices by ordinary mail and electronically instead of by certified mail, to modify the requirements for public records training for elected officials, and to allow a county prosecuting attorney to enter into a contract with a regional airport authority, port authority, or regional planning commission to be its legal adviser.

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**HB 123** ■ **LENDING LAWS** (Koehler, K., Ashford, M.) To modify the Short-Term Loan Act, to specify a minimum loan amount and duration for loans made under the Small Loan Law and General Loan Law, and to limit the authority of credit services organizations to broker extensions of credit for buyers.

21-9 (Earlier REPORTED-AMENDED)

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**HB 254** ■ **POW/MIA FLAG** (Wiggam, S.) To enact the POW/MIA Remembrance Act requiring the POW/MIA flag to be displayed at certain buildings operated by the state on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Veterans' Day.

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**SB 51** ■ **LAKE ERIE** (Skindell, M., Eklund, J.) To authorize the creation of a special improvement district to facilitate Lake Erie shoreline improvement.

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### **REFERRED**

**Agriculture:**

**HB 522** ■ **LIQUOR PERMITTING (Lanese, L.)** To allow an outdoor refreshment area to include F liquor permit holders.

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### **Government Oversight & Reform:**

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**HB 139** ■ **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE (Perales, R., Keller, C.)** To eliminate the public disclosure exemption for any permanently retained record 100 years after the date of its creation, with exceptions.

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### **Health, Human Services & Medicaid:**

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**HB 464** ■ **STROKE PATIENTS (Lipps, S., Antonio, N.)** To provide for recognition of stroke centers and establishment of protocols for assessment, treatment, and transport to hospitals of stroke patients.

**HB 541** ■ **VOLUNTEER HEALTH SERVICES (Patterson, J., LaTourette, S.)** To authorize health professionals licensed in other states to provide volunteer health services during charitable events.

**SCR 25** ■ **TITLE X FUNDING (Thomas, C., Tavares, C.)** To express opposition to proposed changes in federal regulations governing the Title X National Family Planning Program and to declare support for access to all legal family planning services and related counseling.

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### **Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs:**

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**HB 315** ■ **DAY DESIGNATION (Arndt, S.)** To designate October 6 as "S.M.A.R.T. Parent Day."

**SB 311** ■ **DAY DESIGNATION (Hoagland, F., Williams, S.)** To designate June 12 as "Women Veterans' Day."

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## Transportation, Commerce & Workforce:

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**SB 312** ■ **ROAD NAMING (Burke, D.)** To designate a portion of State Route 4 in Marion County as the "Army Cpt. Stephen J. Chaney Memorial Highway."

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## Ways & Means:

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**HB 361** ■ **TAX COMPLAINTS (Greenspan, D.)** To increase the time within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints.

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## COMMITTEE HEARINGS

### Finance

**HB 123** ■ **LENDING LAWS (Koehler, K., Ashford, M.)** To modify the Short-Term Loan Act, to specify a minimum duration requirement for loans made under the Small Loan Law and Mortgage Loan Law, and to limit the authority of credit services organizations to broker extensions of credit for buyers. (REPORTED-AMENDED; 7th Hearing-Possible amendments & vote)

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## **Daily Activity Planner for Wednesday, July 11**

### **Legislative Committees**

No legislative committees scheduled.

### **Agency Calendar**

Veterinary Medical Licensing Board, 77 S. High St., Room 1914, Columbus, 8:30 a.m.

State Personnel Board of Review, 12th Fl., 65 E. State St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Venture Capital Authority, 29th Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 1 p.m.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad St., 11th Fl., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

### **Event Planner**

Gov. John Kasich and OBM Director Tim Keen to announce fiscal year-end deposit to 'Rainy Day' fund., 34th Fl., 30 E. Broad St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Rep. Richard Brown (D-Canal Winchester) fundraiser, The Paddock Club, 1005 Richardson Rd., Groveport, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor Levels: Sponsor \$250, Host \$100, Guest \$50 to Citizens for Richard Brown)

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## TOP NEWS July 12, 2018

### **Self-driving carmakers want Congress to free them from state safety standards**

*The Los Angeles Times*

As Silicon Valley and automakers attempt to steer the nation toward a future of driverless vehicles, a group of influential lawmakers remains concerned that bipartisan legislation now moving through Congress could leave consumers at risk by preventing states from demanding tighter safety regulations.

**NCSL data cited.**

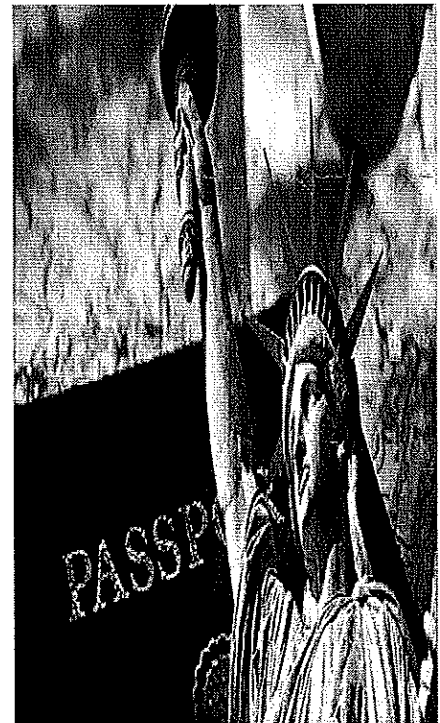
[NCSL research on self-driving vehicle legislation.](#)

### **Report: Hate crimes rise in California for third straight year**

*The Los Angeles Times*

There were 1,093 reported hate crimes in California in 2017, a 17.4 percent increase, according to a report released Monday by the California attorney general's office. Hate crimes have increased annually since 2014, jumping roughly 44 percent in that three-year span, records show.

### **Alabama lawmakers consider outlawing leaving pets in hot car**



*AL.com*

Alabama could see a new law against leaving pets in hot cars after overwhelming public outcry over the death of a dog in Trussville last week. And according to one of the state's highest-ranking lawmakers, that new law might also allow for the smashing of car windows to save a trapped animal.

### **U.S. targeted breastfeeding abroad. Here at home it's another story**

*Stateline*

The U.S. position on a resolution to support breastfeeding counters domestic legislation.

### **Could Missouri's right-to-work vote be a 'turnaround' for labor?**

*Kansas City Star*

As state after state adopts right-to-work laws, national unions are hoping Missouri is the "wall" that the policy's supporters can't get through. **NCSL data cited.**

[NCSL resources on right-to-work laws.](#)

### **Unions could no longer get Medicaid money under new Trump proposal**

*Governing*

The federal government wants to roll back an Obama-era rule that lets some Medicaid payments go toward unions that represent home health care workers -- one of the fastest-growing and lowest-paid jobs.

### **U.S. immigration: A primer for state policy makers**

This primer for policymakers is intended to provide a clear and concise introduction to current immigration and refugee policy, trends in state immigration legislation, and key studies that seek to assess fiscal and economic impacts of immigrants in the United States.



### **Webinar July 17: Bill information service training**

### **Webinar 2 p.m. (ET) TODAY: Suspension and expulsion in early years**

### **Traffic safety trends - 2017 legislative action**



### **Hawaii bans coral-harming sunscreen**

Hawaii just became the first state to ban sunscreens harmful to coral reefs.



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Legislative Summit

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Below is a link to the policy directives and resolutions the NCSL Standing Committees expect to consider during their meetings on Monday, July 30 and Tuesday, July 31, in Los Angeles, Calif. Final votes on all policy directives and resolutions reported from the standing committees will take place at the Setting the States' Agenda NCSL Business Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 1 from 8 - 9:45 a.m.

**Copies of the policy directives and resolutions can be found here.**

**More on the NCSL Policy Process can be found here.**

For your convenience, the scheduled start times for the individual business meetings of the Standing Committees that will consider policy directives and/or resolutions are listed below:

Committee	Date	Time	Room (LA Convention Center)
Health and Human Services	Monday, July 30	3 - 4:15 p.m.	408AB
Law, Criminal Justice and Public Safety	Monday, July 30	4:15 - 5:15 p.m.	403AB
Education	Monday, July 30	5 - 5:30 p.m.	153ABC
Labor and Economic Development	Tuesday, July 31	10:15 a.m. - Noon	409AB
Natural Resources and Infrastructure	Tuesday, July 31	10:15 a.m. - Noon	404AB
Budgets and Revenue	Tuesday, July 31	11:15 a.m. - Noon	152
Communications, Financial Services and Interstate Commerce	Tuesday, July 31	1:30 - 2:45 p.m.	406AB

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From: Speaker Ryan Smith  
  
Date: July 13, 2018  
  
Re: Legislative Conferences Annual Meetings

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Kim. Thank you.



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Traveler \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date

*I have attached a copy of the conference Itinerary and associated registration fees  
for review.*

Conference \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Conference Begins \_\_\_\_\_

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Kim

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